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Date: September 13, 1982-June 14, 1983
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Place: Los Altos High School
15325 E. Los Robles Avenue
Hacienda Heights, California

Come On In. . .

. . . and see what our Los Altos life was really like! From September 13 to June 14, all 2,035 of us Conquerors went to the red brick buildings we called "school". "I can't wait to get out of here," joked senior Robin Marmo. But even when we joked about it, we still took pride in calling ourselves Conquerors. School was, as sophomore Frances Fukute described, "mostly a place where you learn," and a lot more.

For the brave (or slightly crazy) people that started first period, though, it wasn't easy to think any thought deeper than, "Did the tardy bell ring yet?" Groping through inky black hallways at 6:50 in the morning gave a whole new perspective to the phrase, "bright and early". By eight or nine o'clock however, nearly everyone was at least **half** awake. The rest of the day consisted of memorizing theorems, thinking about lunch, attacking spelling words on the "no-excuse" spelling lists, thinking about lunch, reading about places with unpronounceable names, and thinking about lunch.

Finally, after four hours of waiting, it was lunchtime! We feasted on the school's gourmet meals . . .

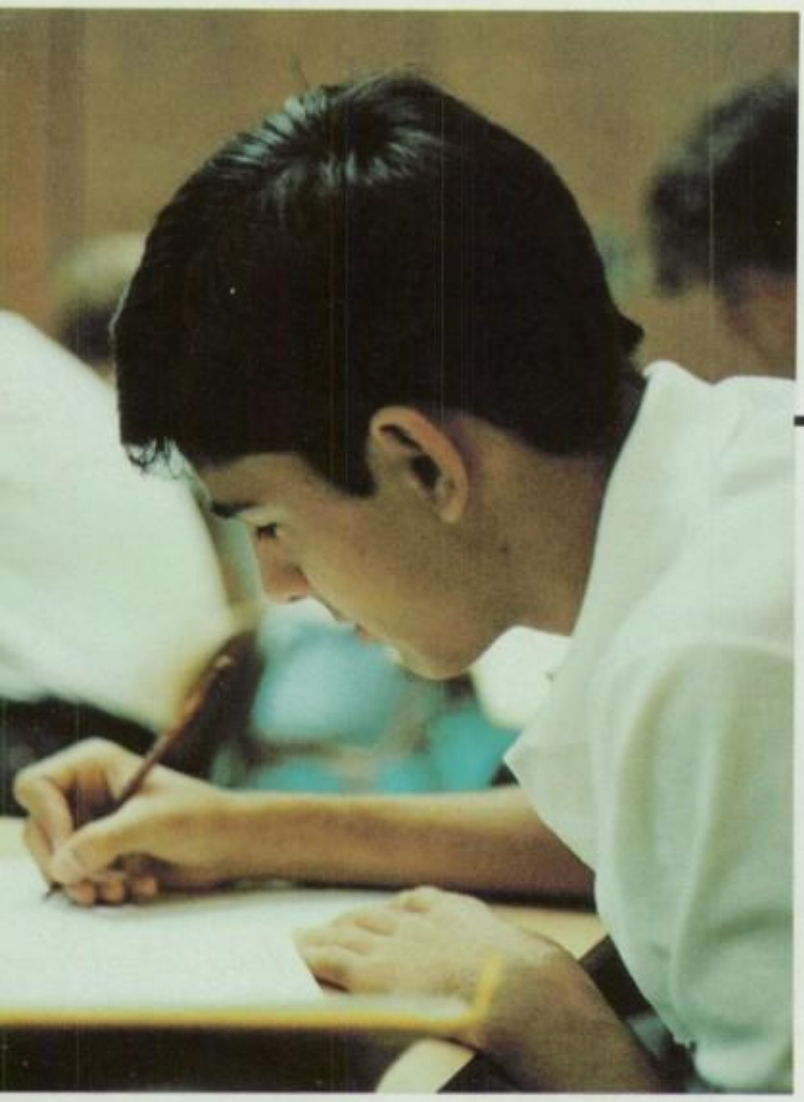
"Oh, no! Not pre-fried taco snack again!"

"Well, it's better than that oriental chicken junk we had last week. Just stay away from the buttered green beans and you'll be okay."

And lunch wasn't just time to eat. It was a chance to catch up on homework and the latest news.

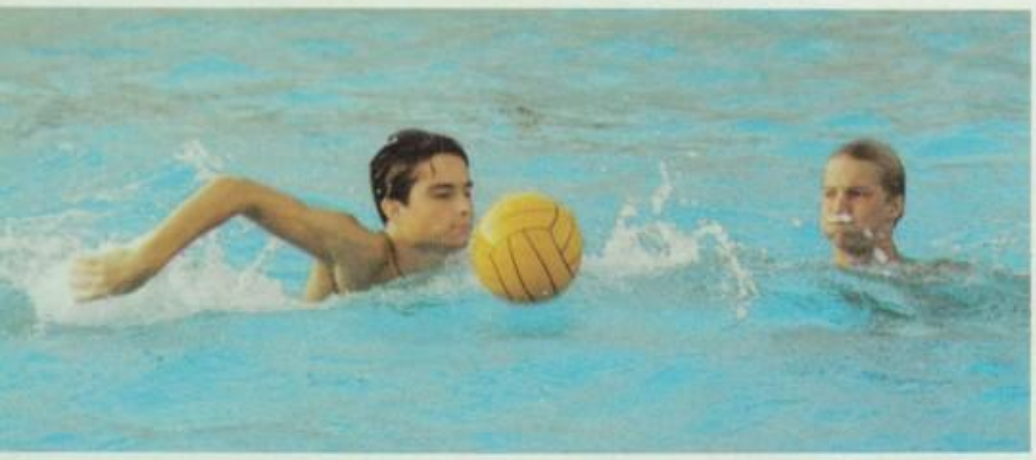
Once the second bell rang, gossip, homework and half-eaten chocolate chip cookies were put away, and we settled back into the class routine. We found themes to interminable stories and tried to keep down our lunches as we dissected frogs and fetal pigs. But by that late in the day, it wasn't easy to keep our minds on Tato and Lola camina-ing to the market or Jean and Michelle ordering l'eau minerale with their salad. The minute the dismissal bell rang, we leaped out of our seats and were out the door before it finished ringing.

Not all of us cleared the campus at 2:35, though. With club meetings, afterschool athletic practices, band or choir rehearsals, drill team, Riflette and Letterette practices . . . the campus buzzed with activity long after the sun went down. We were involved in making our year one that we would always remember. Senior Robert Hoffman summed it all up when he said, "I'm finally realizing how important all my classes have been to me and how much this school means to me."



◖ Deep in thought, senior Brian Sanchez puts the finishing touches on his essay. English courses were required subjects until twelfth grade.

◗ Just a few minutes after the lunch bell, the lines at the snackateria are already crowded with people. Because the student body was split up into two lunch periods, many friends used the seven minutes before the 11:07 tardy bell to say hello.



▲ At six-thirty in the morning, the pool isn't very inviting, but waterpolo players Craig Harvey and Rick Stephan brave the cold water for their morning practice. Athletes often stayed at school from sunup to sundown perfecting their skills.

▲ "Did you understand #37?" Busy with a math assignment in Mr. Holbrook's class, juniors Teri Hansen and Lisa Passwater check their answers. Homework assignments, although they weren't always **fun,** were accepted as a fact of life by most students.

◖ Lunch is a great time to talk with friends, as senior Angie Solis and junior Dan Koenn already know. Since lunch was only a half an hour, students had to squeeze eating in between standing in line, socializing, and doing last minute homework assignments.

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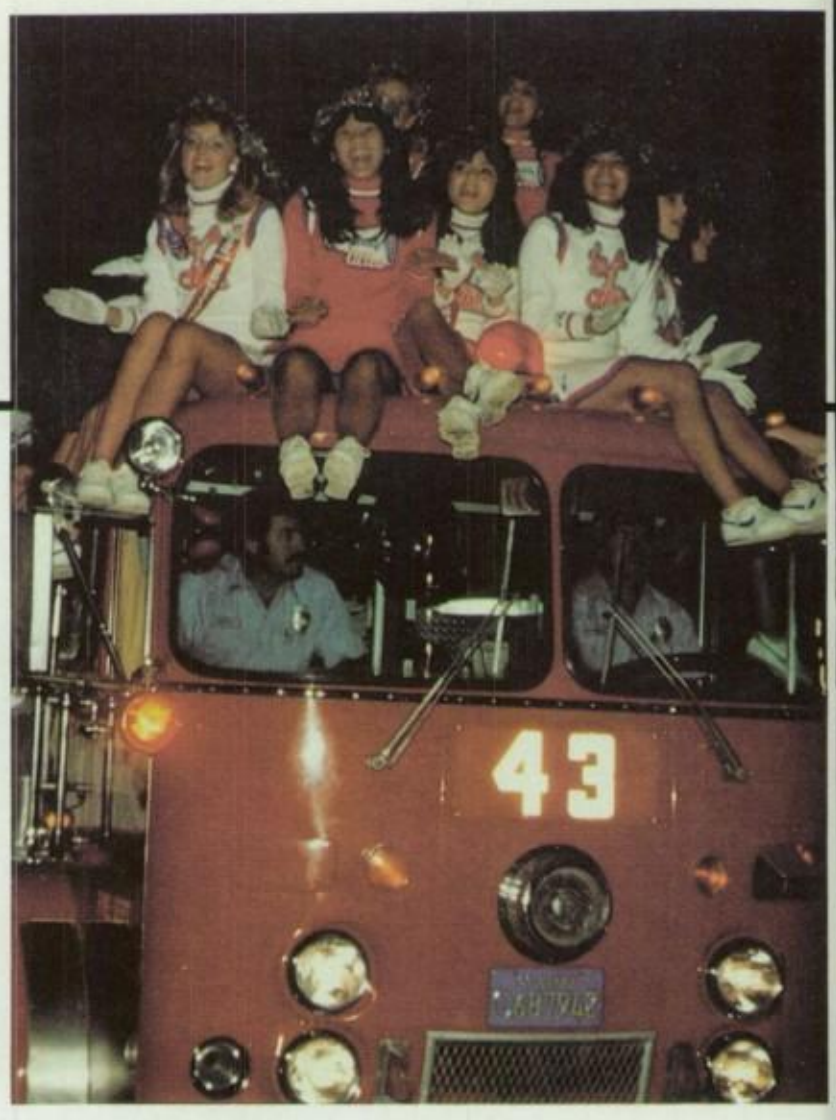


◗ At the Homecoming game, Sharon Staten, Susi Yee Dong, Deanna Reinoso, Lica Sanchez, and Yolanda Hernandez "fire up" the crowd. Homecoming was just one of the many activities that made going to school fun.

▲ Proving that his football-player physique is for real, senior slave Matt Stark models his Spirit-Week-style clothes for seniors Daren Davis, Mike Smith, and Al Lino. Good matured seniors subjected themselves to the slave sales during Spirit Week, obeying thier buyers bidding for a whole day.

▲ "L-A-H-S-" Julie Berry and Noelle Smith raise school spirit at the pep rally before the South Hills game.

▲ Crashing through the "KILL" sign, varsity football players Dave Luna (75) and Tim Flink (14) get psyched up for the Homecoming gave against Walnut.

▲ Being able to go a little crazy made high school more fun. Ed Pollard and his friend clown around during lunch.

◗ Hanging like streamers from the trees, thousands of feet of toilet paper decorate the campus. The senior's spirit gave them enough energy to decorate at six a.m.

. . . And Join The Celebration!

By the time the weekend rolled around, we were ready to celebrate — and celebrate we did! We exploded with spirit at games, practically collapsing our lungs when we cheered for our teams. And of course after a game it was time to head for Bob's, Farrell's or Swensen's for a victory celebration. Ice cream parlor and restaurant workers had to prepare early for the weekly onslaught of noisy, cheerful fans.

Our school spirit wasn't just limited to the weekend. Pride showed up in clubs and activities, too. Club membership blossomed and student participation was on the rise. Senior Libby Groom exclaimed, "I think this year's great! This year I'm involved in so many more things than I have been in the past. And student government is pretty organized. I loved the senior picnic! It was a blast!"

Everyone, it seemed, from the smallest freshman to the tallest senior, got involved in school-related activities. The newly created ski club, for instance, had over 115 members ready to hit the slopes at the first drop of a snowflake. And spirited seniors showed just what "LAHS pride" meant when they decorated the campus during Spirit Week. They festooned trees and bushes with rolls of toilet paper and spread the ground with shredded paper until it looked like the first snowfall in Hacienda Heights.

Teachers and students alike agreed that our school was one of the best around. Said mathematics teacher Mr. Holbrook, "It's a fantastic school. It's one of the best in Southern California." And besides being part of such a great school, we had one more reason to celebrate! Our school finally passed its first milestone: twenty-five years of existence, of excellence, and sky-high spirit. Of course we weren't without our disappointments. There were times when things just didn't come together right, and we didn't quite reach our expectations. But that disappointment was tempered by the knowledge that we would come out on top next time. Because win or lose, we would always be Conquerors. And you just can't keep a good Conqueror down for long!

As you go through this book, come on in and join the celebration of our year at Los Altos. Settle back and catch a glimpse of the excitement that was a part of our silver celebration. And perhaps you'll see why junior Ruben Cruz declared, "I think it's fun to be part of such a great school!"

Happy
25th
Anniversary

Getting Into the Spirit

Student Life

By Kami Dela Cruz, Dana Ringland, David Thompson

Anywhere and any time, on campus or off, Conquerors got into the spirit of high school life. Although doing fifty math problems or five-hundred word essays took a lot of time, students didn't limit themselves to just attending class. Things like club activities, plays, concerts, games, and dances provided a broader view of high school than just study, study, study. With so many activities going on it was hard not to get involved.

Of course, a student's life doesn't start and end at school. After the last dismissal bell there were jobs to go to, errands to run, chores to do at home, practices to attend, and TV programs to watch. Trying to juggle school, job, and social life wasn't easy, and scribbling those last few answers for algebra class during history or English (and hoping the teacher didn't notice) weren't unusual situations. Then there were times when we remembered that thirty-page reading assignment - just as a surprise quiz was being passed out!

TGIF!! Finally we had two whole days on the weekend when we tried to find time to spend with that special guy or gal, or working a few hours to make a few extra bucks, or spending time with the family, attending church, shopping for a new outfit, participating in tournaments, attending games, catching up on assignments, or (phew!) catching up on much-needed sleep.

Before we knew it, Monday was here again and we were back to our daily routine of writing compositions, doing science labs, completing math problems, reading page after page in text books, trying to get 50 WPM in typing class, or redoing a drafting assignment for the 5th time.

But that was all right, because these were things that were preparing us for life after our brief stay at Los Altos.

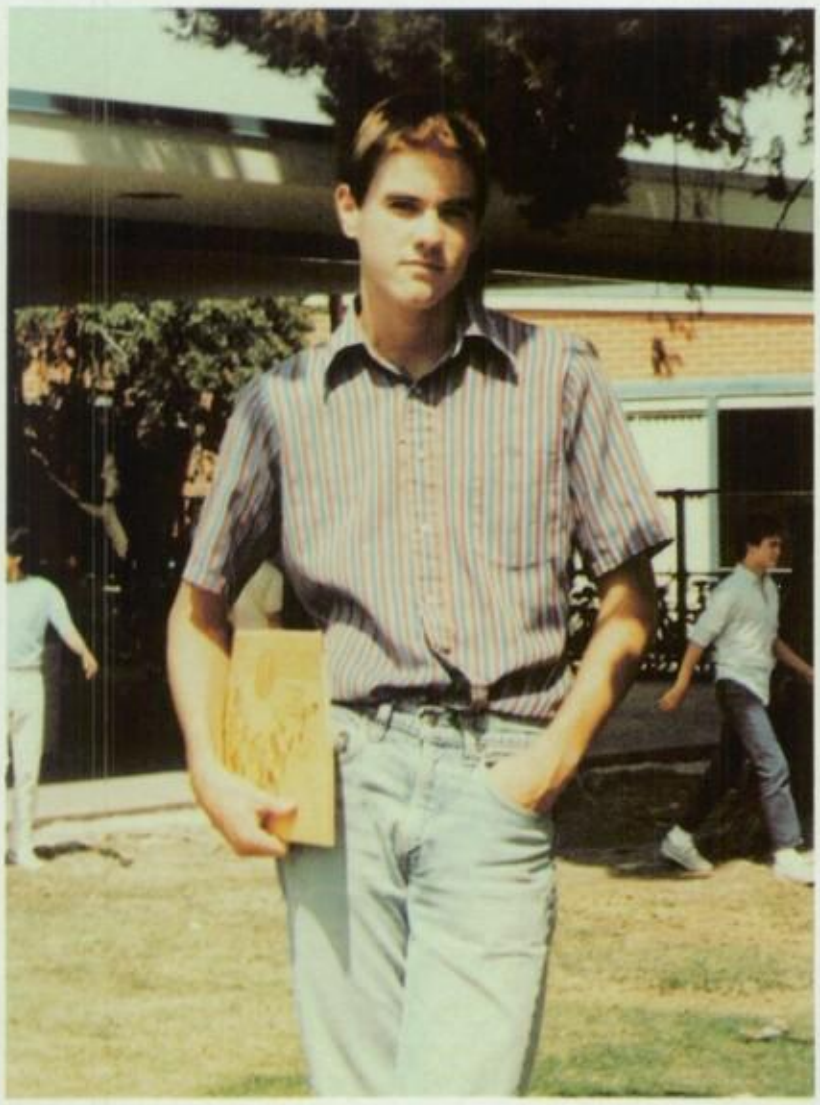
Focus On Fads

Every year fads disappear as quickly as they appear. Dressing to the tee became a campus-wide craze and 1982 saw various styles. The Preppy and the G.Q. look were very popular; penny loafers and Top-Siders, plaid shorts and LaCoste shirts. Cardigan sweaters and print wove skirts also dominated the hallways of Los Altos.

The "New Wave" look also appeared around campus. Short hair was common among students of both sexes. Levi's 501 jeans seemed to be the favorite attire this school year. Add a loose fitting sweatshirt to a pair of Levi's and, presto, a "cool" student arises.

The girls, although wearing their hair shorter than in previous years, became more feminine dressers. Bright colored ruffled blouses with bow ties completed the popular tuxedo look. Prevelant colors among these styles were pink and black.

Who can say what the graduating class of '86 will consider Chic styles. The only constant in the ever-varying atmosphere were the solid brick walls, the deteriorating lockers, and the laughter echoing through the halls.



▲ The "new wave" look became very popular. Here Cameron Carlson models his dad's shirt and a pair of Levi 501 Jeans.

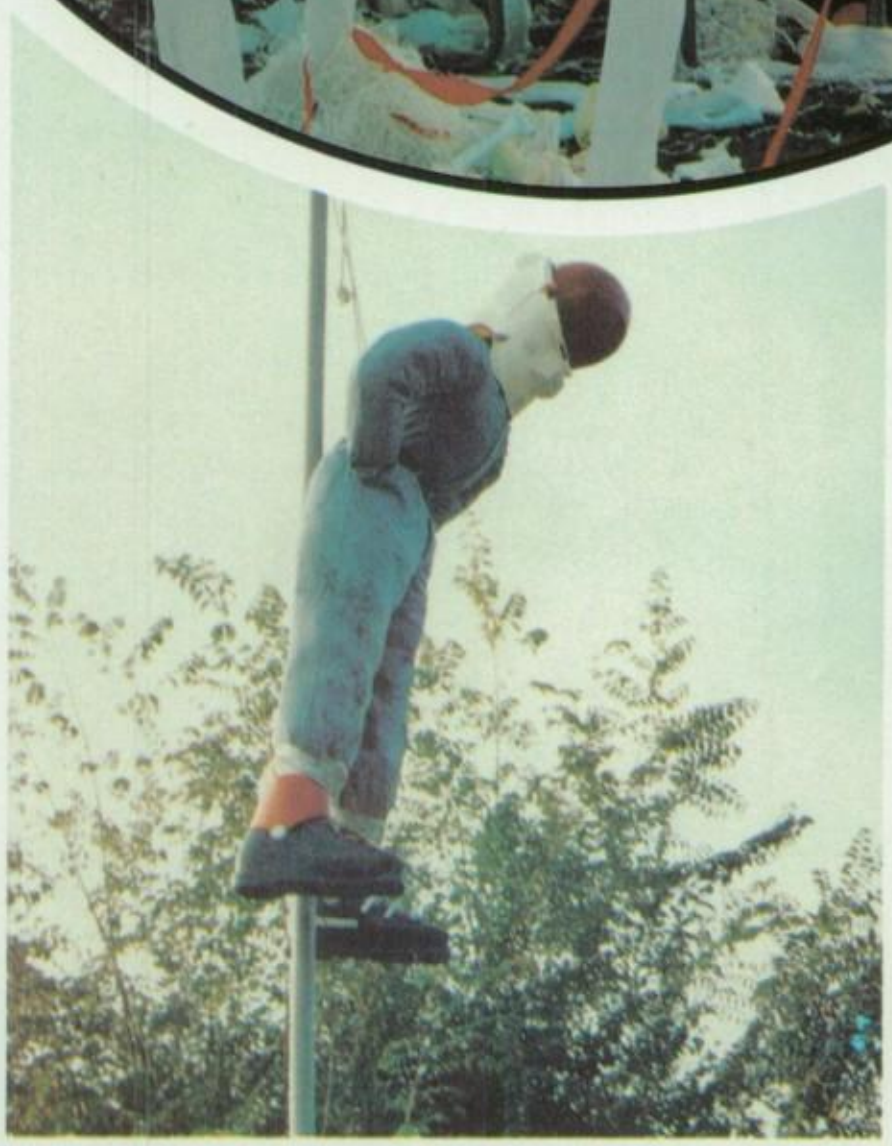
◗ Our own punk band including Eric Lambros, Mark Rumbaugh, Ed Pollard, Joe Napoleon, and Scott Rogers show the styles they wore.

◗ Lucinda Zuniga and a friend are dressed in the commonly seen plaid and stripes.

- Sophomore Stacey Fields fixes her bow tie before dashing home from school.
- A Los Altos student displays the tuxedo look.
- A side view of Sonia Ruiz shows the short hair style many girls wore this year.

FAVORITES

ROCK GROUP: Journey, Rush, Van Halen
NEW WAVE GROUP: Stray Cats, Oingo Boingo, Missing Persons
RADIO STATION: KROQ, KLOS, KMET
DISC JOCKEY: Frazer Smith, Rick Dees, Rodney on the Roq
ALBUM: Built for Speed, Vacation, Escape
SONG: Hard to Say I'm Sorry, Stray Cat Strut, Vacation
T.V. PROGRAM: Mash, Magnum P.I., Facts of Life
ACTRESS: Jane Fonda, Drew Barrymore, Bo Derek
ACTOR: Tom Selleck, Clint Eastwood, E.T.
MOVIE: E.T., Fast Times, Rocky III
BEVERAGE: Beer, Coke, Pepsi
"JUNK FOOD": Pizza, Chips, Candy



▲ Bob Richardson and others take a rest after decorating the school.

▲ Eliot Hoffman and Rob Daleo pose in front of their fountain creation especially made up for spirit week.

◖ The conquerors show what happens to a Walnut Mustang when they tackle Altos.

▲ A.S.B. members throw a party to celebrate the beginning of Spirit Week.

The Week That Raised Spirit

Traditionally, spirit week is a contest between classes to see who can decorate the school and campus with the most imagination and who can demonstrate the liveliest participation in each day's events.

In previous years, destruction such as paint poured into the pool and spray paint on buildings and walks resulted in more and more restrictions upon spirit week activities.

It was time for a change and the class of '83 decided to show more spirit and more class. As early as 5:00 a.m. on Friday, October 15, seniors arrived with armfuls of toilet paper, signs, and confetti. Assistant principal Don White supervised the decorating and the students completely covered the senior mall with paper and balloons, while others spread confetti everywhere.

By 7:00 a.m. the school looked as if it had gone through a short and silent paper blizzard. The students' exuberance transformed the campus, yet no damage resulted - to the great relief and pleasure of the administration and faculty.

Spirit week frenzy reached a loud and colorful climax at Homecoming Friday night as floats, painstakingly constructed by each class, paraded by to the approval of fans. Finally, the queen, Kim Merrill, was crowned, followed by a spectacularly impressive display of fireworks.

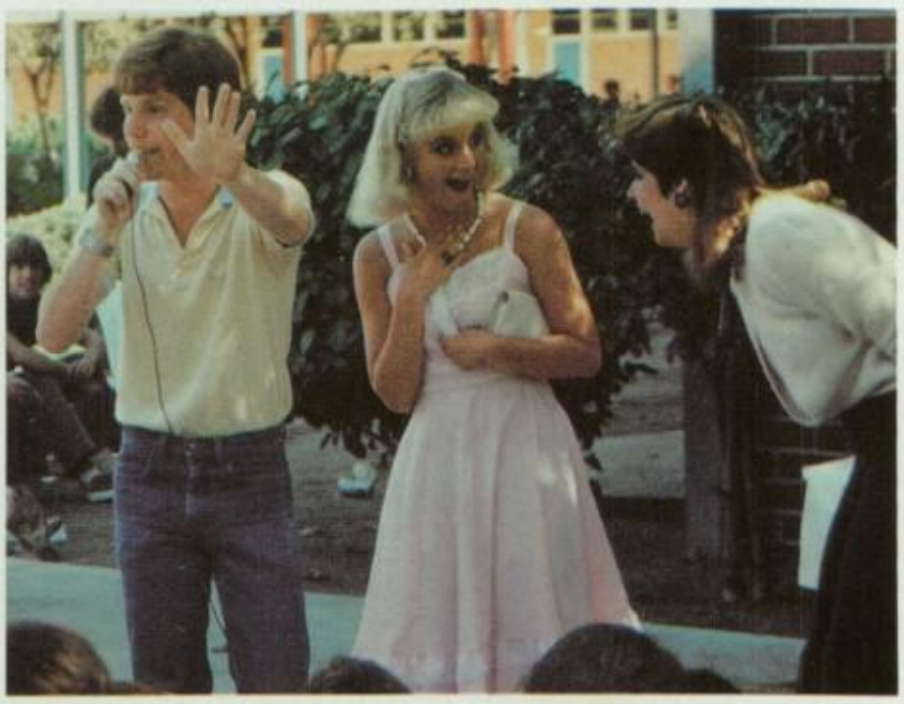
The week-long event focused on the true meaning of spirit week: pride in our school, pride in our class. Seniors and ASB members showed a really classy spirit by pitching in with the clean-up after lunch on Friday.

Said senior Kelly Schrock: "We didn't need vandalism to make it a really fun spirit week."

"Spirit week went fairly well, but it could have gone better if everyone knew about it. Our school is a good school, but people should be more spirited," said Sonia De La Peza.

Larry Birkholz commented: "I feel that the students showed a lot of class by keeping it mellow and non-destructive. It almost looked like snow hit the campus!"

And junior Nicole Perez added: "Spirit week improved this year, but next year the class of '84 is going to make it the best ever!"



▲ The senior mall was transformed into a blizzard of paper as the seniors showed their spirit.

◗ Diane Dutton cannot believe how low the bid on her is as she is auctioned off for Slave Day.

◗ Students show their spirit by decorating each senior car with balloons and signs

Awaiting The Announcement

The five princesses and the homecoming crowd nervously awaited the announcement of the 1982 queen as the lights were dimmed in the football stadium. A surge of energy ran through the crowd as they saw the queen's name in lights at the north end of the field. Squeals of excitement came from the crowd and the nervous girls when the tiara was placed on Kim Merrill's head as she began her reign as Homecoming Queen, 1982.

The princesses, dressed in long white formal dresses, were carried past the applauding students, parents and teachers in M.G. sports cars. Five proud fathers escorted their daughters between the columns of Letterettes to the center stage. Laura Bennett, the 1981 queen, returned to crown her successor.

Fireworks in honor of Queen Kim and her court lit the fall sky. The Conqueror band played "Let it Be Me" as Debbie, Carrie, Monica, Lori, and Kim moved from the red-carpet stage to their seats on the track.

Each of the princesses had something to say about the Homecoming activities. Princess Debbie Mancino said, "I felt honored being on the court and it was an experince I will never forget." Princess Carrie Wade said, "It was the best time I've ever had! Everything went super-fine. The spirit was high and I loved it." Court member Lori Fuhriman said, "I was so nervous! The best part was walking on to the field through all the Letterettes, I felt really comfortable because all my friends were out there on the field" Princess Monica Johnson said, "We (the court) had a good time being together. It was an exciting and fun night I'll never forget." Finally, Queen Kim Merrill commented, "I couldn't believe it, I had been chosen for the biggest honor of all. Wonderful!"

▲ "I was so nervous", said Princess Lori Fuhriman, but she doesn't look nervous here as she poses for a picture with her date.

◗ Varsity cheerleader Kim Merrill waves to her friends unaware that she will later be crowned queen.

◗ Mr. Mancino proudly escorts daughter Debby on to the stage. Debby flashes him a grateful smile.

▲ Monica Johnson reflects the joyous atmosphere of the game as she is carried around the field in a M.G. sports car.

◀ Carrie Wade smiles to her friends as she walks through the tunnel of Letterettes.

▲ "I had been chosen for the biggest honor of all". A surprised and joyous Kim Merrill clutches the roses as she gazes into the crowd.

▲ Princess Lori has been involved in drillteam for three years. She plans to become a fashion designer.

▲ The tour band marching in St. Andrews in an afternoon parade.

▲ Chris Taylor, Tom Mericle, Jodi Barret, Jeff Lamastus, and Cathy Huff pose for a picture on a cannon.

▲ This is a portion of the beautiful Durham Castle on a sunny afternoon.

▲ Jennifer Lee, Susan Gomez, Kathy Mar, and graduate John Ufers stop for a picture at the AYR Flower Show.

Beautiful Britain

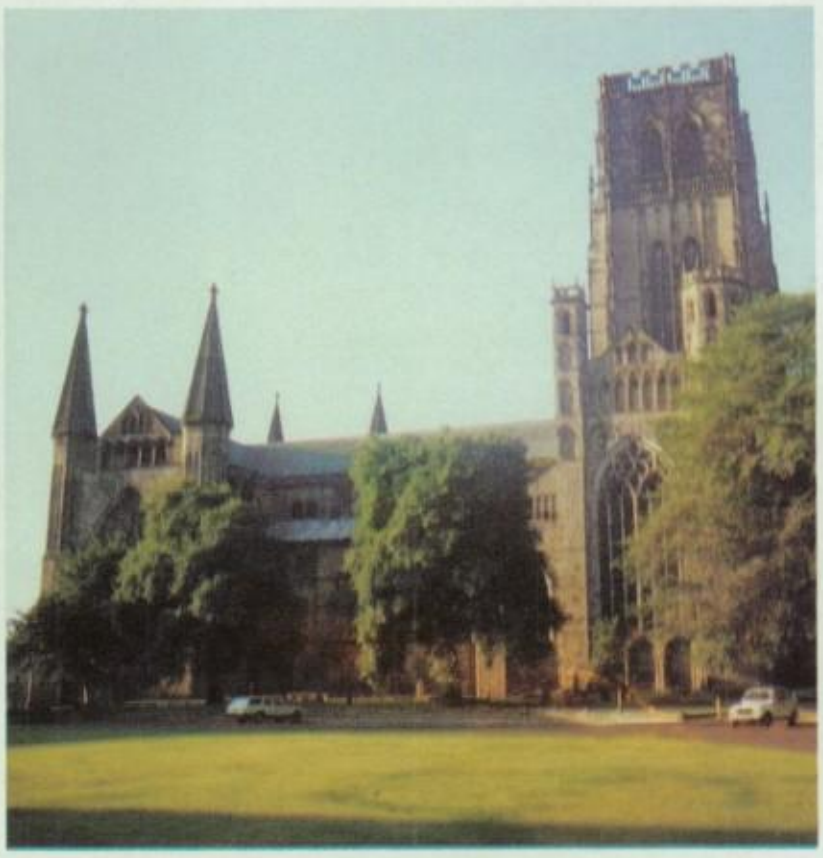
Last summer while everyone was enjoying their vacation, a group of approximately one hundred students gathered weekly at Los Altos. The band was going on tour.

After a rehearsal-filled summer the band left from L.A.X. for a two week tour of Britain. Immediately after arriving, they endured a long bus ride to a college where they were housed.

The band and entertainment units performed almost daily in parades and concerts such as the Edinburgh Festival and the AYR Flower Show. Senior Trent Newton commented, "I was really surprised at the hospitality the British gave us at our performances. I guess they had never seen a band as awesome as ours!!"

Although the tour group had a very busy schedule, they usually had an afternoon off here and there for sightseeing. Among the places they visited were St. Andrews, York, and the small town of Glasgow. Reminiscing about the trip, Kim Witmer said, "It was beautiful . . . but freezing!!"

"The trip was one of my best memories here at Los Altos", Letterette Linda Mar said, and her sister Kathy jokingly added, "The food was gross!" Tom Mericle thought the trip "was a great experience and well worth the effort". Summing it all up, Linda Weledele said, "we all had a great time and it was a very good experience".



▲ Drum Major Robert Hoffman stands at parade rest while the band does a stand still concert. Riflettes Tina Brown, Lori Richman, and Susan Gomez are in the background.

◀ The Los Altos tour group consisted of about 85 musicians and 15 auxiliary members. Here they pose for a picture in a graveyard in St. Andrews.

◀ The magnificent Durham Cathedral captured on a beautiful day. Mark Stuart donated all of these interesting photographs.

Students Display Talent

As I look out over the ocean I see,
The distance that has come between you and me.

But yet as I think, I can still remember
All of the memories that began in November.

The fog that has over-casted the beautiful sky,
Has darkened the light between you and I.
For no longer can I see the Love,
That you told me came from the heavens above.

I wish that only our love was everlasting,
Like the endlessness of the waves rolling in and crashing.

As I watch the seagulls soar over the sea,
I can feel this emptiness inside of me,
Because now you have set me free.

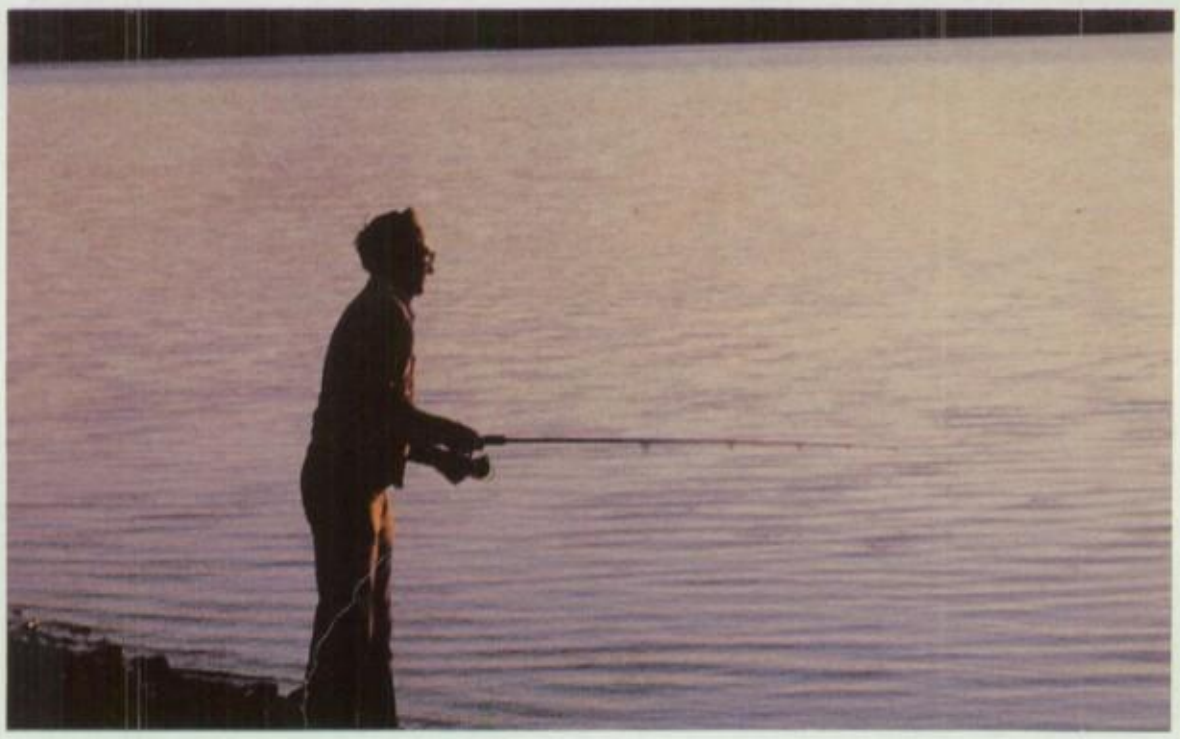
I'm lost now, like a shell in the sand,
My other half gone, maybe in some else's hands?

Well now the sun has set and the wind is colder,
I sit here bravely, trying to be bolder.

But the pain and hurt, still existing inside,
Bring many tears to my crying eyes.

The moon is lit, but the sea is still black,
Just like the love that my heart still lacks.
Night has come and we are still apart,
But I know that forever you will remain in my heart.

Sandra Escalante



Upper right: The beautiful sunset over the Mojave desert, as captured by photographer Fernando Sanjurjo.

Lower left: An early morning fisherman is caught during a peaceful moment by photographer Erick Lambros.

Time keeps ticking on and on,
It's here for a second and then it's gone.

Moments come and moments go,
Time goes fast and never slow.

Good times you'll remember, bad times too.
Someday you'll think back and regret a few,
But time keeps passing, it always will.
So don't waste a second or have time to kill.

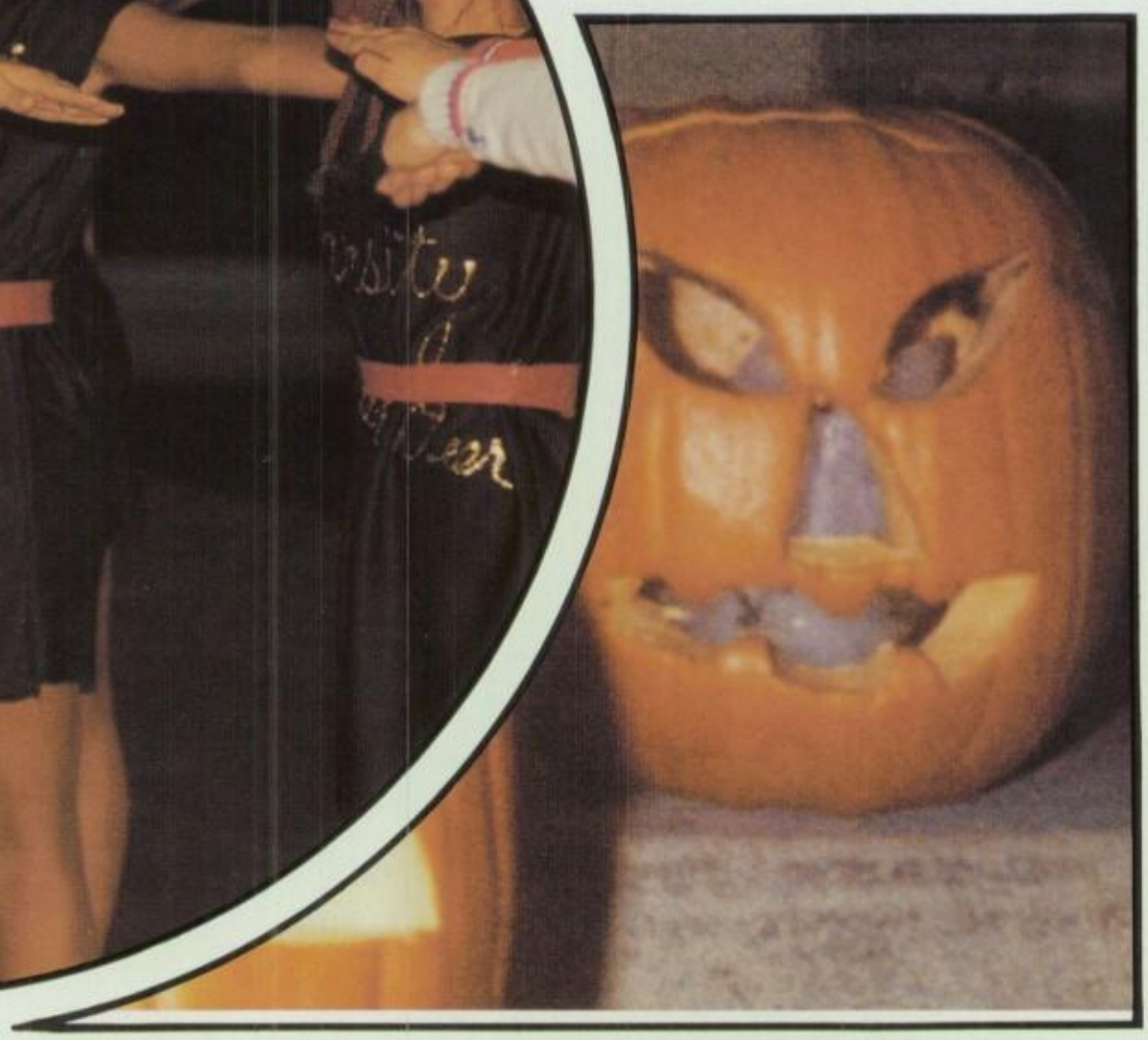
We all have time, time to spend,
Anyway we want until the end.
So make good of your own, while it lasts,
As you'll soon find out, time goes fast.

Armando A. Azpetia

What's wrong, you ask?
Why is it that you make so many mistakes?
It's your tempo, of course.
Here you are trying to play prestissmo,
When you should be playing largo.
You see now?
It's much easier if you just slow down a bit.
Take it one measure at a time.
For it is better to go slow and get it right,
Than to go fast and jump over a lot of it.
For this is a very beautiful piece,
And should be worked out very slowly and carefully.
You, will, of course, make a few mistakes along the way,
But this is to be expected.
For this is a very difficult and complicated piece
It can be messed up very easily if you are not careful with it.
The title?
The title is known by many.
The title my dear, is-
LIFE.

Gina Cristal Musetti

Photography student Ron Briseno captures forever the intensity of Bjorn Borg as he prepares to serve at a tournament at Industry Hills.



▲ Snowgirl Kim Komora and reindeer Denise Maestas start the Halloween pep rally off with a Los Altos chant.

▲ Songleader and clown Rhonda Nuno leads the crowd with a cheer.

▲ A lively lit pumpkin brightens up somebody's door step on Halloween night.

▲ Little Andrea Grimsley awaits for the results of who won the award for the best halloween costume.

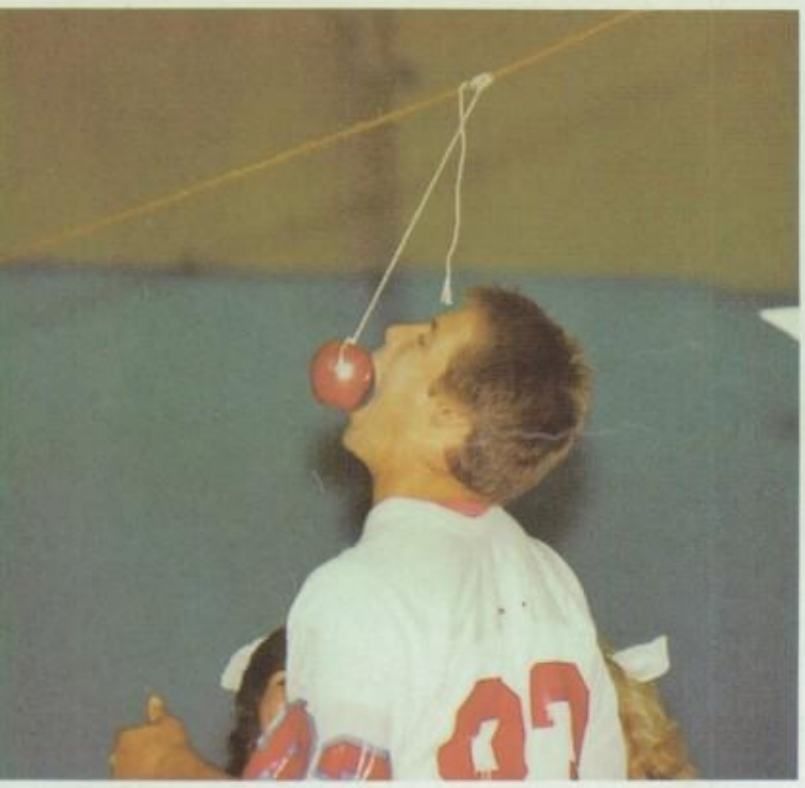
Halloween: Trick Or Treat

The math teacher took roll and marked two witches, a black cat, and a ghost present. In English, a bunny and a vampire struggled with gerunds and infinitives. A cowboy in levis, boots, and a bandana climbed out of his chevy "horse", strolled across campus, and said "Howdy" to the flasher who was trying to open her locker. Was this some weird fantasyland? No, just the same old campus and classes, but imaginatively and colorfully transfored for Halloween.

Everyone looked forward to the after-school Halloween assembly. Students in pairs and groups noisily poured into the gym and everybody speculated as to who would win the prize for the best costume. For many, the assembly was just a preface to more celebrating or trick-or-treating later that night. Riding out to Knott's Scary Farm was high on the list of exciting things to do. Others, however, gave up fantasy, faced the hard reality of compositions due and Monday morning's test and stayed home to study.

▲ More of the contestants await for the crowd of students to choose the lucky winner of the contest.

▲ The cowboy from outer space is amazed to find out that he is one of the lucky winners of the Halloween contest.



Conehead and friends (top) watch intently as Matt Stark (bottom) opens wide to chomp on the elusive apple.

An Evening With Einstein

With feelings of anticipation filling their bodies, nearly 170 students nervously awaited the moment they would receive their school and district scholar awards. The time seemed endless. First on the program was the flag salute, led by A.S.B. president Mike Smith. Then Mr. Mauch, the principal, approached the microphone and gave a speech congratulating all the students on a job well done.

Although the students were anxiously awaiting the presentation of their awards, they were able to relax for a few minutes while enjoying the antics of Steve Polanski. He performed a humorous impersonation of Albert Einstein. The audience was delighted by his grand finale: taking off his vest without removing his coat. Some students even seemed to forget the discomfort of wearing a tie or tight new shoes.

Then came the long awaited moment. Mr. Mauch uttered a few more words, while students adjusted ties and collars with impatient tugs and pats. Mr. Nielsen read aloud the names of the recipients, and Mr. Mauch, assisted by school board member Mr. Ken Manning, presented the awards—either a plaque or a medal.

Awards were presented to 74 District Scholars and 92 School Scholars. School Scholars were those who maintained a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.74, while the District Scholars had to keep up a g.p.a. of 3.8 or higher. Some students were even receiving the award for the third time. The recipients were honored with a resounding wave of applause from the audience of proudly smiling parents and gratified teachers.

After Mr. Mauch gave his few closing remarks, the members of the California Scholarship Federation, an honor club, served refreshments. The crowd was a little timid at first, but then people started gathering around the beautifully decorated cakes, and congeniality prevailed.

The Evening With Einstein turned out to be a huge success. As students left the gym, they no doubt thought about all the hard work they had gone through to receive these honors. But then, a glance at the coveted plaque or medal reassured them that the effort was really worthwhile.

▲ Proud as can be, principal Patrick Mauch congratulates all the students attending Awards Night.

▲ Happily receiving her award, third year District Scholar Linda Weldele is commended by Ken Manning, School Board Member.

▲ Listening attentively to actor Steve Polanski's rendition of Albert Einstein, Three-year District Scholars Laurie Atagi, Carol Endo, and Tim Flink await the presentation of the awards.

▲ Whew! What a job! Mr. Neilsen takes a breather after reading the names of the 167 students receiving awards.

▲ Pipe in hand, "Albert Einstein" (actor Steve Polanski) delivers a message to the School and District Scholar Awards winners. While his talk was humorous, he had many serious comments to make-particularly about using one's "office", or mind.

▲ Second year School Scholars Andrea Grimsley and Beth Greenlee are pleased by Steve Polanski's comments. Mr. Polanski performed a portion of the act that has entertained many audiences across the country.

▲ At the Mt. Carmel Tournament, the band pleased the crowd with their rendition of "Blues in the Night".

◗ Playing her mellophone, Laura Leets performs for the Homecoming game.

▲ The temperature of the weather affects the pitch of the instruments. Senior Sandi Ramaker carefully tunes her piccolo before a performance.

▲ A major factor in the Conqueror's success was Mr. Gundreson, the director. After the Homecoming performance he shows his approval with a smile.

◗ Being a riflette isn't easy. Sophomore Gina Jakob puts her full concentration into her performance.

We Are Back

Because the Britain tour group returned late in the summer, the annual band camp was only four days long. But the Conqueror band made the best of it; they practiced 9:00 to 12:00, 2:00 to 4:00, and 7:00 to 9:00 each day, and they presented a fantastic show for the first football game.

The Conqueror band consisted of 176 musicians and 77 Auxiliary members. Each Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m., the Entertainment Units began practice. At first they practiced in individual sections. Then at 6:15 they practiced full rehearsal in the field. The practice usually lasted until 9:00 p.m. The band also had several Saturday rehearsals and an occasional Tuesday practice.

The band participated in five field show tournaments this year, including the Azusa Tournament, the Mt. Carmel Tournament. At the Savannah Tournament, the band took Sweepstakes, the Music Award, General Effect and Marching and Maneuvering Award. The last tournament of the year was the Tournament of Champions. There the band took 4th place.

The band charmed the cheering crowds with a selection of music including "Conquistadores", "In the Stone", "Blues in The Night", and "Let it Be Me".

Other performances included a Rams football game and the Rose Parade. But the band's activities weren't limited to performances. The musicians and auxiliaries sponsored two band dances, and toilet-papered Mr. Gunderson's house after the Savannah Tournament.

▲ The Conquerors, as seen through a fish-eye lens, perform "Conquistadores" at the Azuza Tournament.

▲ The executive band council worked throughout the year planning activities. Members included Eliot Hoffman, Robert Hoffman, Sandi Ramaker, Dana Ringland, Laurie Atagi, and Callum Eastwood, not pictured.

▲ Drum Major Robert Hoffman salutes the student body.

Drama Presents: "Life With Father"

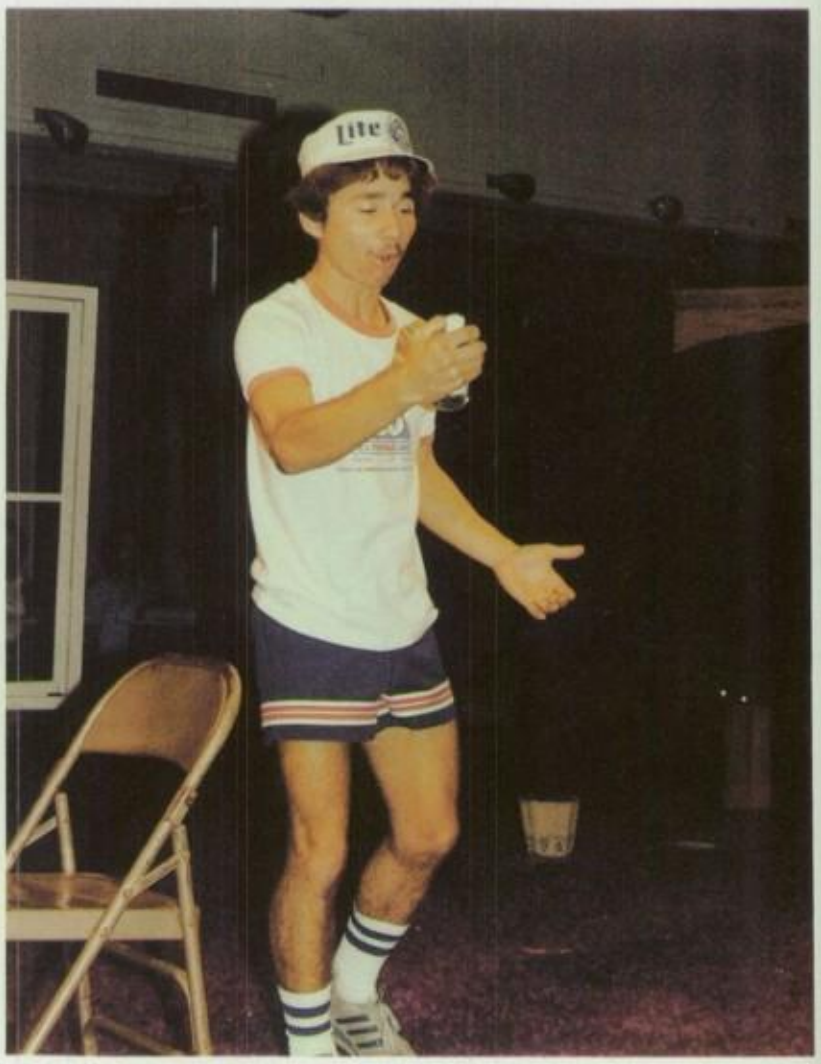
Each year the drama club puts on an outstanding play for the pleasure of students and parents. In December, the club presented "Life with Father", a story about a father who is not interested in religion, and a mother who is a strong Episcopalian. The play stars Robert Hoffman as Father Day and Michelle Watson as Vinnie (Mrs. Day). The play is set in the early 1930's and centers around the conflicts in the Clarence Day household where a stormy but spirited family constantly argue about teenage growing pains, money, and religion. Nothing appears too serious until Father anounces that he has been baptized, after which the Day Family takes on a whole new attitude toward life.

Other main characters included Clarence Day played by Paul Champommier, John Day played by Arnold Molina, and Aunt Cora played by Robin Marmo.

After the play, Michelle Watson commented: "Even though it was my first play, I realized the talent that it took to put the play together."

▲ Cast members Robert Hoffman and Michelle Watson practice a dramatic scene in the play.

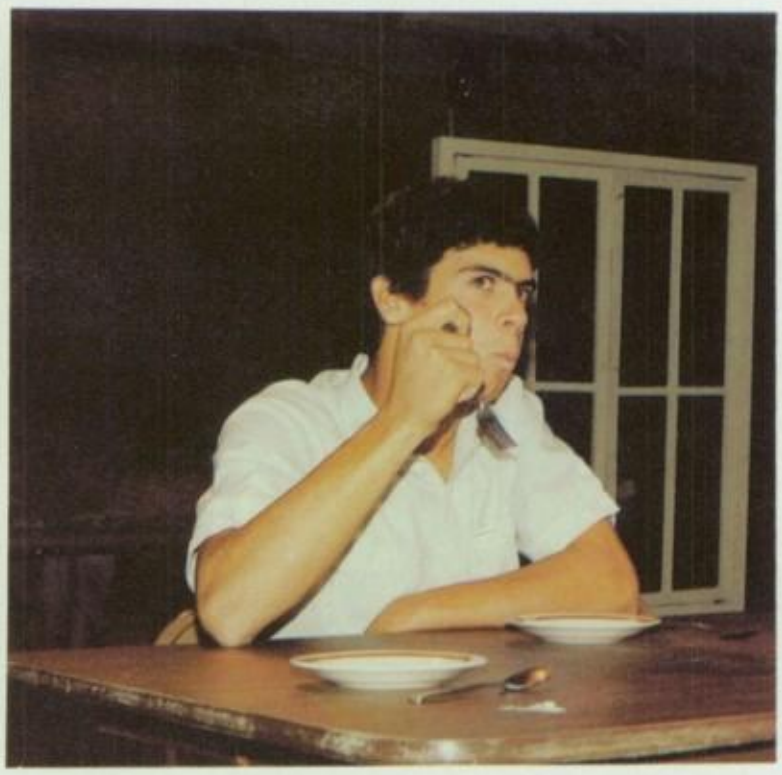
▲ During rehearsal, cast members Diane Hoover, Mary Ann Sanchez, and Ty Watkins try to keep a serious look on their faces as they practice their lines.



▲ "It cures flu, colds, kidney stones, dizziness, women's complaints . . ." Arnold Molina, who played the role of John Day reads off an amazing list of ailments which Dr. Barret's Balm cures.

▲ Vinnie (Michelle Watson) tells her sons who are played by Terry Hugus and Ty Watkins to study their Catechism before going to play basketball.

▲ Cast members Mary Ann Sanchez, Paul Champommier, Gina Pena and Sandra Escalante practice their lines during rehearsal.



▲ Clarence Day (Paul Champommier) and Mary Skinner (Gina Pena) get to know each other while Cousin Cora (Sandy Escalante) talks about her trip.

▲ M'm, m'm, good! Paul Champommier swallows another mouthful of oatmeal during practice.

▲ While standing at attention, Macy Wright shows the crowd her best-dressed look.

▲ Keeping her cool while spinning the flag, Lori Lechlitner concentrates on keeping her tie tucked in her pants.

▲ At the microphone, Susi Yee-Dong inspires the audience at the pep rally to cheer along with her.

▲ Songleaders Diane Dutton and Kathy Weeks sing the Alma Mater together.

Cheerleaders Bring Enthusiasm

It's Friday, one p.m., and sixth period has just let out. Where does everybody go? To the pep rally! Practically every Friday during football season, the cheerleaders organize pep rallies to get students enthused. Spirited cheers and skits with appropriate themes are performed by some of the entertainment units as well as by the cheerleaders.

Team coaches and team captains are recruited as guest speakers to inform the audience about the upcoming game and answer questions about the opposing team: Are they strong? Are they fast? What's their record? What special stratigies will our team use?

The band then plays the resounding fanfare that signals everyone to stand for the Alma Mater. Although the words to the song are printed on the gym wall for all to read, there is considerably less than one hundred per cent participation of the voices present. However, the band is loud and on key. And so ends a short but entertaining interlude on a typical Friday afternoon.

After parking her motorcycle, Monica Johnson waits to start her performance. At one pep rally the entire Letterette squad dressed up for a sixties look and performed for the entire crowd.

Cheerleaders Nicole Perez and Lica Sanchez chant to the tune "Go Big Blue".

The Conqueror band drum section entertains the audience with their outstanding drum solo.

It's Better Than Going To Class!

Just seconds after the bell signaled the beginning of lunch, die-hard food buyers pushed, shoved, and jostled into line. With only 30 minutes to eat, students fought to beat the crowds.

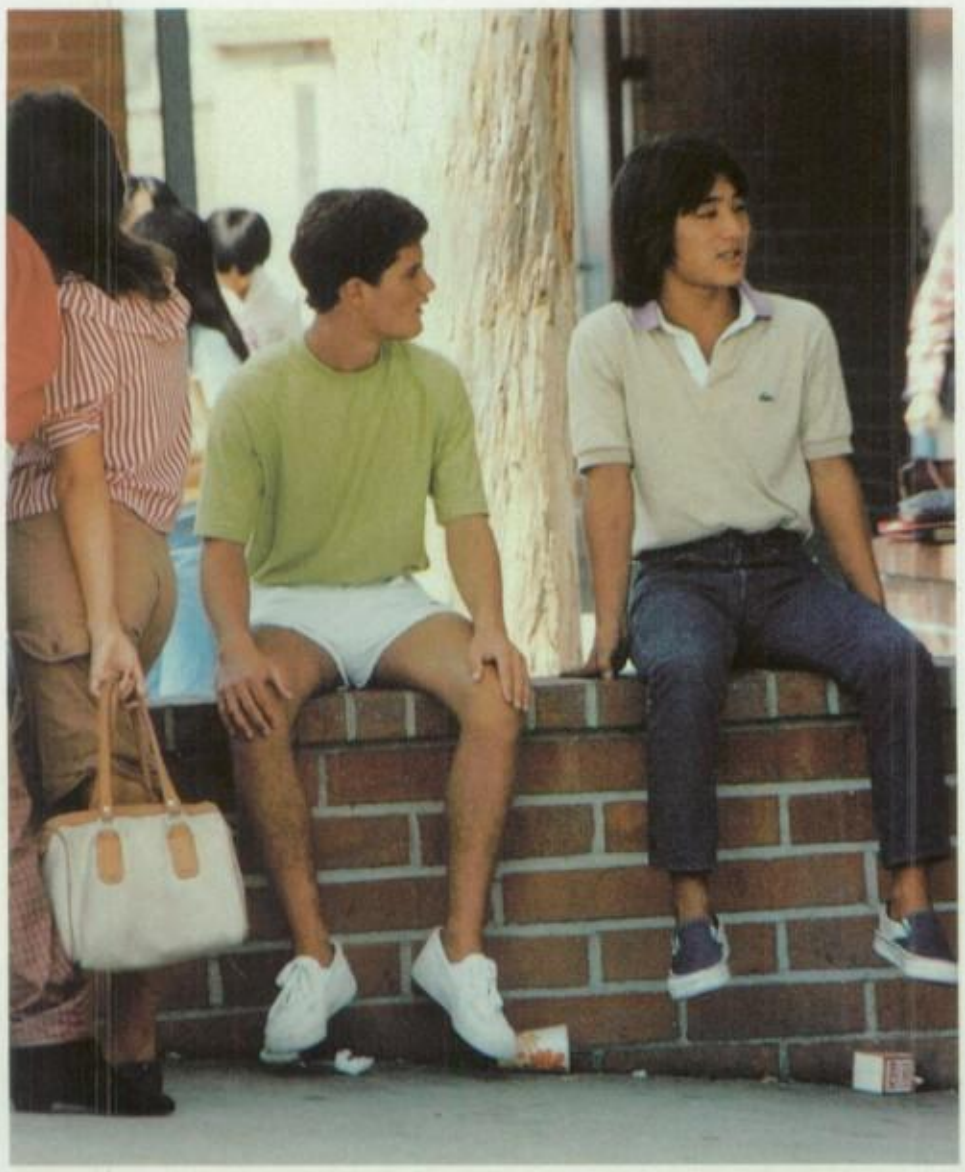
Students expressed many different opinions about lunch period, but most shared Cherie Hovelsen's complaint: "I don't think it's long enough, because when you get to the front of the line, the bell rings." Other students volunteered their views:

Lisa Joh:
Lunch should be an hour long.
Laura Kilgore:
I wish lunches were longer and lines were shorter.
Kim Burgess:
It's too crowded. Not enough people are working, so no one gets to eat.
Lowell Erbe:
There's no shade!
Pam Davis:
It's too short.
John Zorn:
There's not enough time to eat and they always run out of food.
Sean Phillips:
Prices are too high.
Keely Carlson:
Too many people
Mark Benavides:
No shady places to sit down.

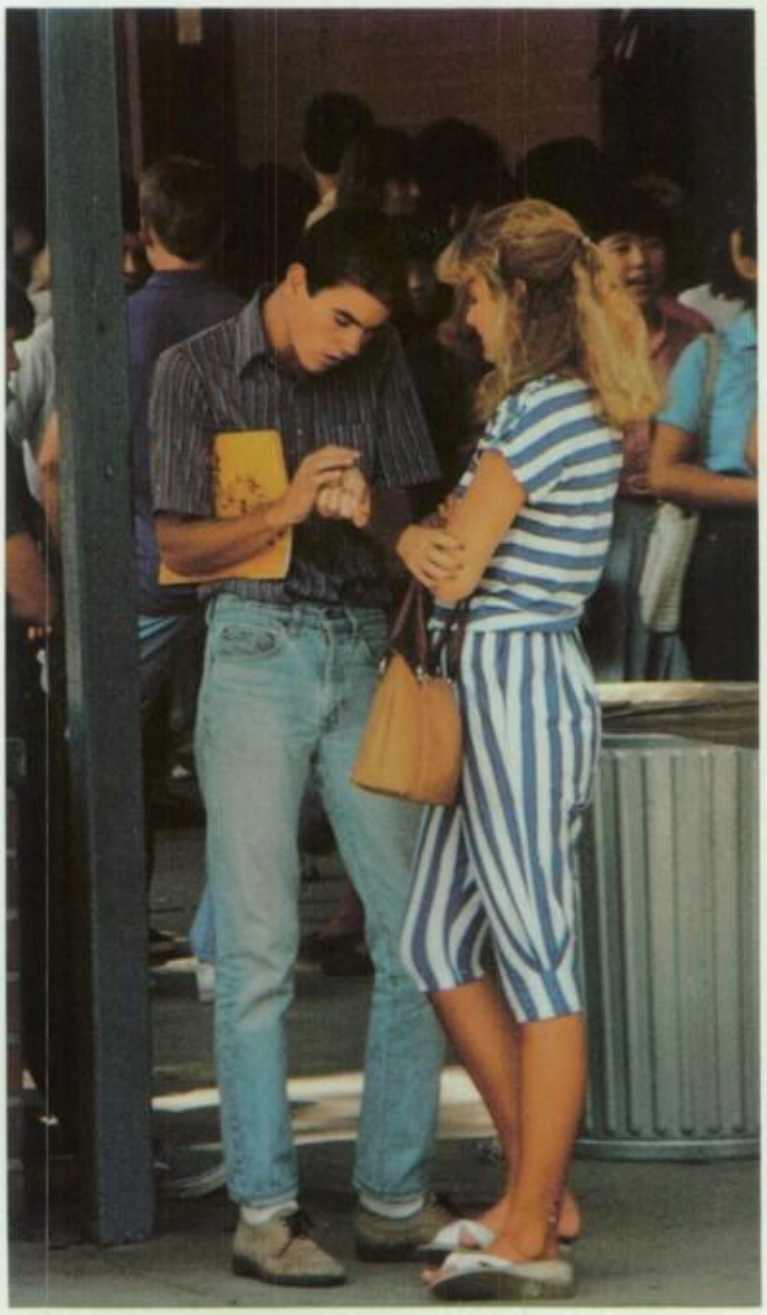
Not everyone had complaints. Beth Greenlee said, "It's a break from school."

Seanna Chung:
The variety of food is good.
James Downs:
It's a good time to catch up on homework.
Nancy Hernandez:
I like the taquitos, and I also like Mrs. Curtis.
Ana Serrano:
You get a chance to sit down and rest.

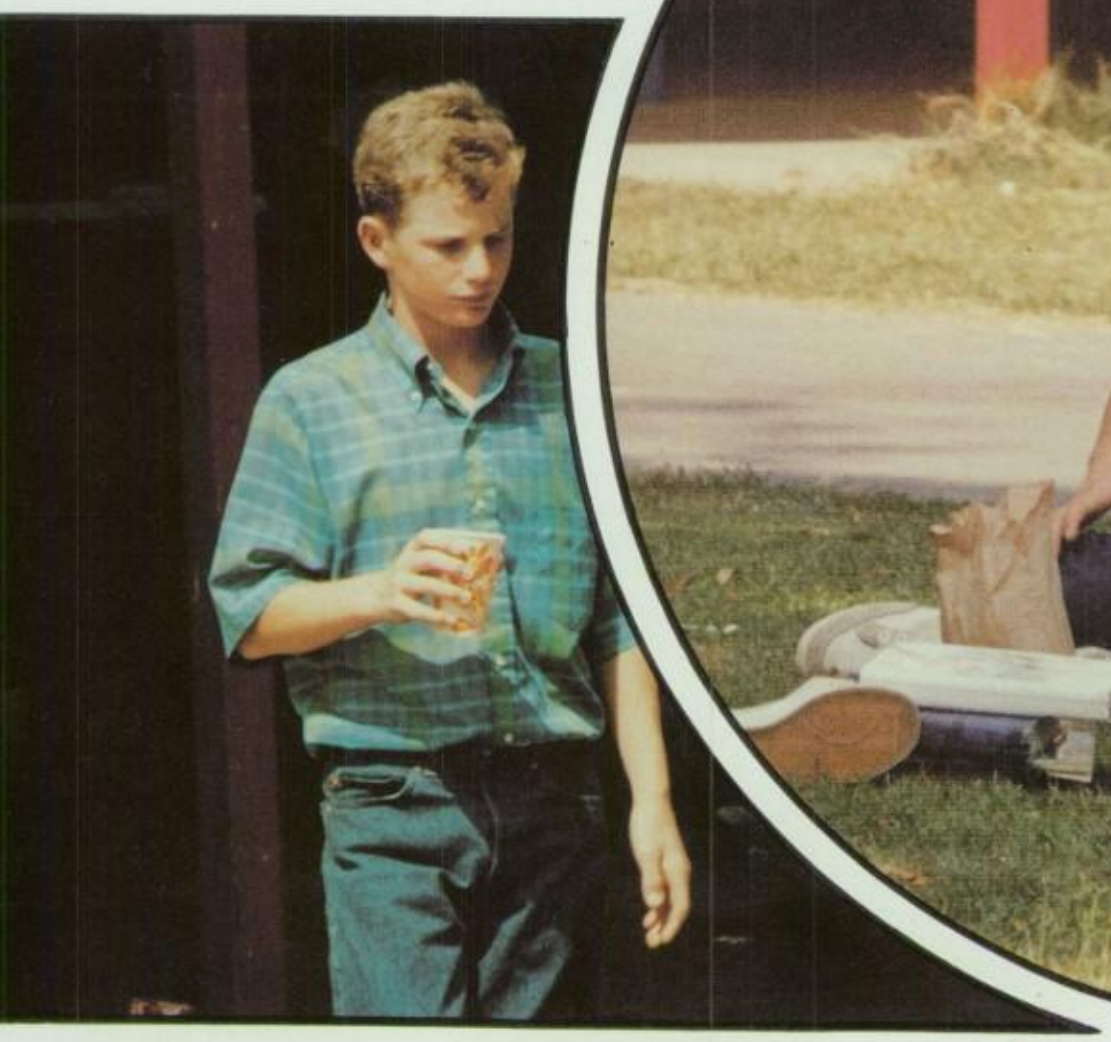
Although feelings varied, one feeling was mutual: "It's better than going to class."



▲ Noticing the lines aren't getting any shorter, Steve Miller and Steve Monji prepare to conquer the crowds.



▶ Taking a peek at his watch, Cameron Carlson tells Shelly Sorensen that lunch is almost over.

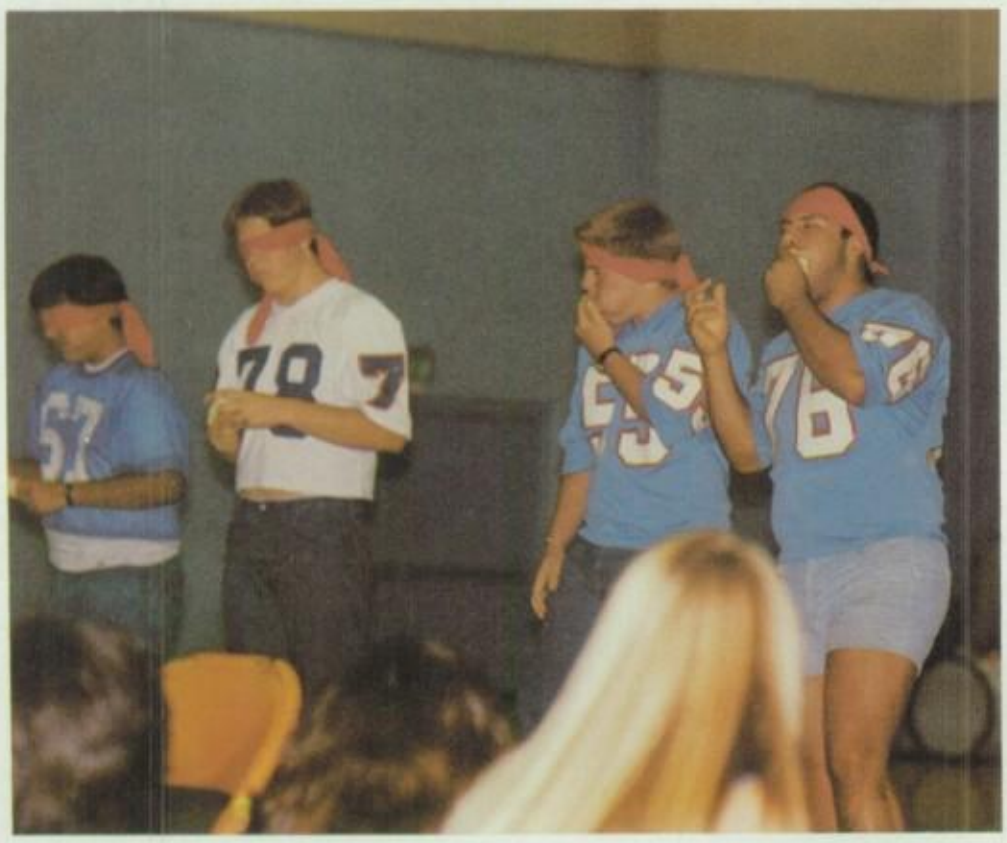


▲ Students like Paul Treinen sometimes settled for just a drink because of the high food prices.

▲ With hot lunches costing $1.00, Cathy Straley had a fruit and a drink instead.

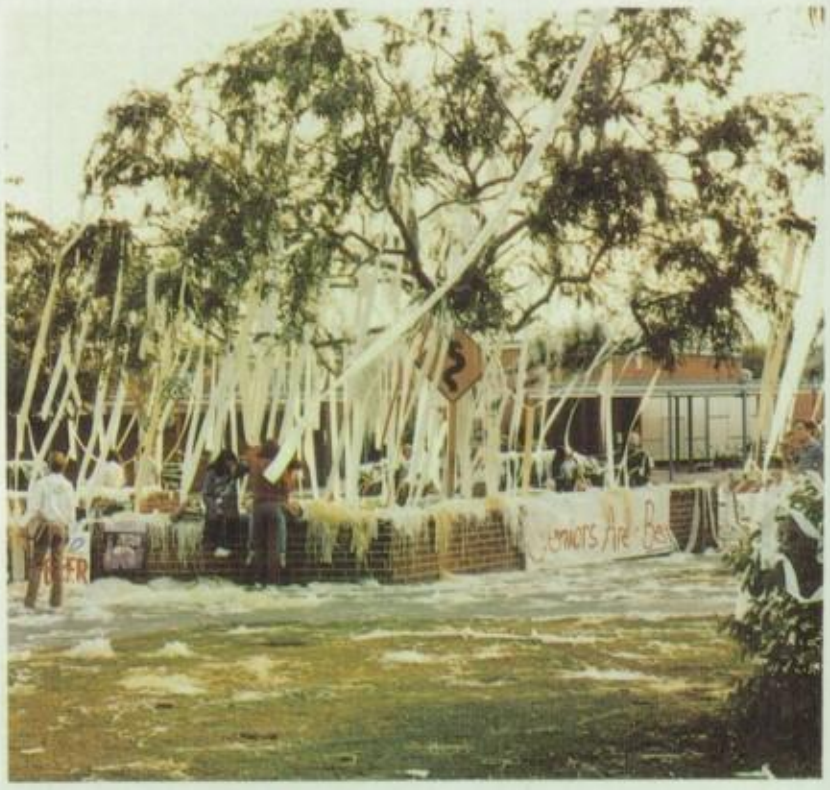
▲ The thirty minute lunch period provided time for students to relax. Under the shade of a tree, Larry Birkholtz munches on his lunch as he waits for his friends.

▲ Eating is an essential part of lunch to Jolene Watanabe as she exits the lunch line with school food and her trusty lunch bag in hand.



▲ "Way to go L.A.!" As a member of the pep squad, junior Diane Dutton shows her spirit at the Halloween pep rally.

▲ Making like monkeys, Richie Rodriguez, Jeff Lyska, Brock Parry, and Mario Morales cram bananas in their mouths during the Banana Stuff contest at the Homecoming pep rally.



▲ At the Homecoming pep rally, a spirit stick was given to the class with the best spirit. Varsity songleaders Kim Haggerty and Kathy Weeks lead the seniors in the LA 8-clap. The seniors won the stick.

▲ Because of the actions of many spirited seniors, students arrived on Homecoming morning to a campus decorated with signs and toilet paper.

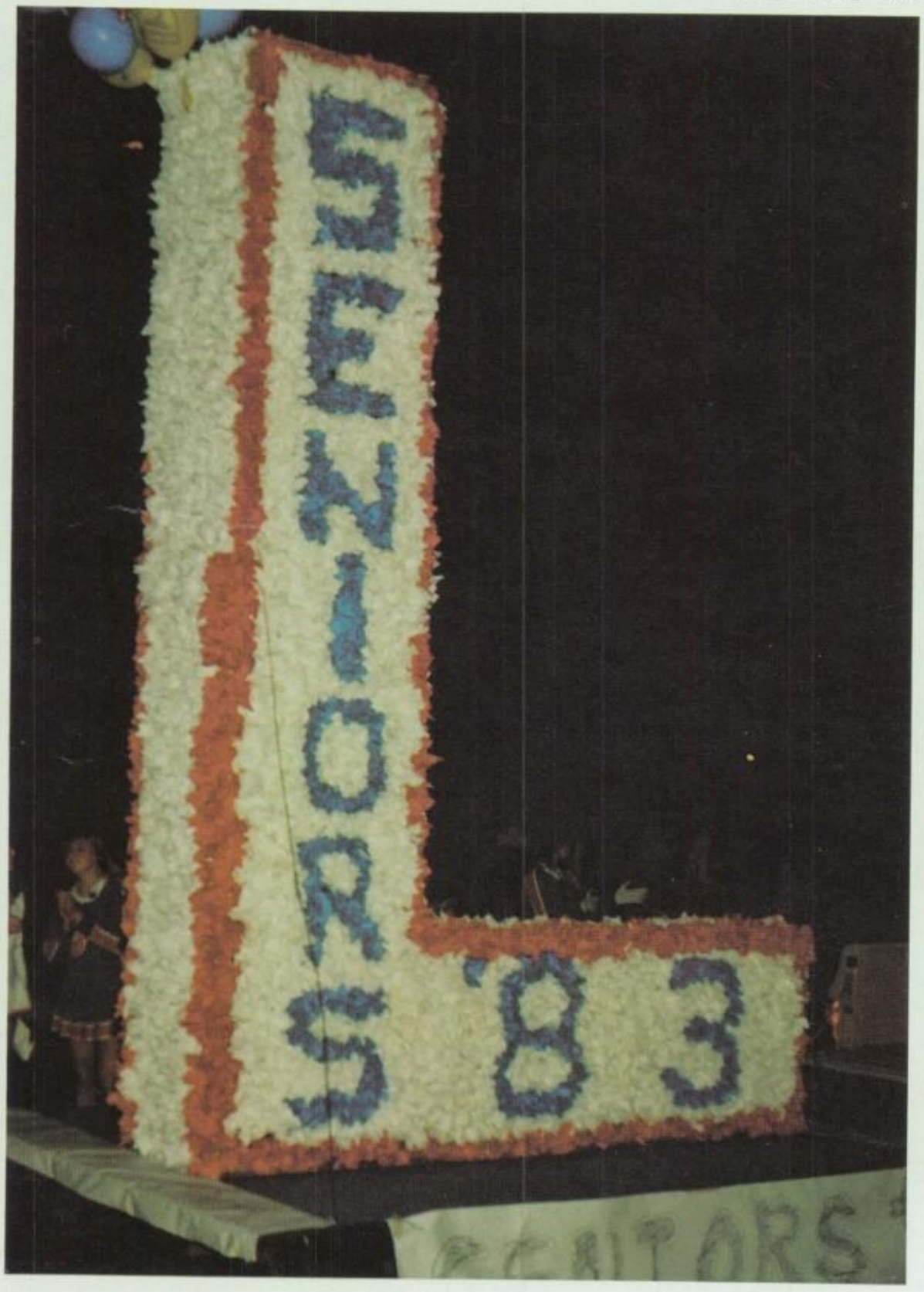
Spirit Haunts Los Altos

Kazoos wailed, bells clanged, and horns tooted. A small group of high-spirited students were responsible for the commotion which fired up those sitting near them. But their spirits were dampened when they were informed that artificial noise-makers weren't allowed by C.I.F. rules. Eventually the crowd got back into the game as the Los Altos "wrecking crew" romped over another opponent.

This was only one incident of the spirit displayed by the students of Los Altos. Another sure spirit promoter was the band. The sight and sound of Conquistadores brought the crowd to their feet. Hands and voices were raised as the strains of the alma mater floated through the air. Even when they weren't performing, the band's rousing cheers of encouragement were heard. The loud enthusiasm of the big blue band often seemed to intimidate the opposition.

Cheer and songleaders, who had the task of getting the crowd up on their feet, used a loudspeaker so that students could hear the cheers and join in. At times, while the cheerleaders were taking a break, students in the crowd started up a cheer and kept it going until others cheered along.

It is difficult to guess what a spirited student body contributes to a winning team, but there was no doubt that these exuberant and vociferous displays brought us all together-one big, spirited, proud Los Altos family.



◀ The senior class shows their spirit with this L-shaped float. For the first time in five years the four classes made floats which spelled out LAHS.

▲ Overnight, the senior mall was transformed from a quiet eating place to a jungle of toilet paper vines and computer paper bushes.

You've Come A Long Way, LA!

▲ It's not just orange groves any more! From a group of one-story brick buildings surrounded by fruit trees, Los Altos and the surrounding community of Hacienda Heights have grown tremendously over the past quarter of a century.

• Examining the blueprints, Superintendent Glen A. Wilson checks on the progress of the building. The school's opening was delayed by bad weather.

• Deep in thought, Mr. Wilson looks at the mass of bricks and cement that will become his school. From a few buildings with just a few hundred students, Los Altos grew to a school with over two thousand attendees.

"It's hard to believe that it's been twenty-five years. Funny, I don't feel that old. Why, I feel like I could hold another thousand students! Oh—for those of you that don't know me, I'm Los Altos High School. Call me LA for short. It happens to be **my** birthday celebration that you've been reading about here.

"I got started in 1957, when some of the administrators of the Puente Union School district decided to build another school for all the students that were overcrowding La Puente High School. Back then, La Puente was serving as a learning place for students that lived in what are now the Walnut, Wilson, Workman, Rowland and Nogales high school attendance areas. A load like that could bust a school's mortar for sure! So in 1957, I was built.

At first I wasn't much, just 450 freshmen and sophomores, twenty-one faculty members, and three administrators. For a while it looked like I wasn't even going to open. We had one of those California rainstorms, where all the year's rain falls in a couple of weeks. Unfortunately, all that rain fell while I was supposed to be being built. Soggy ground and damp 2x4's proved to be quite a delay, but the rain finally let up and the first herd of students arrived just before Christmas vacation.

With a new school, though, there are a lot of "kinks" that have to be worked out. My first football team and band were nothing like what they are now. I can still remember my first football game. It was against Rim of the World High School way up in Arrowhead Springs. My starting quarterback, Dave Merrill (he's the head coach at Wilson High right now!) performed well, but I think we needed more experience. We lost. But we **did** have fun. You know, after the game, the Rim of the Worlders treated all the LA fans to a big barbeque!

Like I said before, firsts aren't always great. My first prom was held in the Hacienda, of all places. Can you imagine going in a tux to the Hacienda? There are some firsts, though, that I could be proud of. I was considered a "trend-setter" school, and the nominating convention that I had in 1963 got publicity like you wouldn't believe! The convention was a lot like the Democratic and Republican conventions, only this one was for the student body elections.

By 1965, every other school around knew that I wasn't just La Puente's little brother any more. I had made a name for myself. That year I had the largest graduating class in the whole San Gabriel Valley — nearly six hundred students. Not too bad for a school that wasn't even ten years old!

Times certainly do change, don't they? Now, instead of a bunch of adolescent athletes, I have a championship football team. Instead of a few inexperienced instrumentalists, I have an Olympic-class band. But some things just don't change. Even though I'm surrounded by tract homes instead of orange groves, I still have that impressive academic standing and that same old spirit. I think that one of my former principals put it best. Mr. Geno Dezzutti, my principal from 1962 to 1968, said, "Los Altos has gotten bigger and better. I don't know of another school in this part of the San Gabriel Valley that has the esteem that Los Altos does. It's a good clean school, with good students and a lot of parent support. Los Altos' school spirit and community spirit is unique . . . and has just gotten better." For a twenty-five year old school, that isn't bad at all!"

• At the start of the construction, Mr. Wilson takes stock of the new school's electrical systems. Los Altos was the first school to break away from La Puente High School.

▲ "I didn't even expect to make queen. It was really exciting!" exclaimed Winter Formal Queen Cynthia Berry. Cindi broke away from the formal festivities just long enough to take a picture with her escort, Deven Startup.

▲ Obviously enjoying themselves, Valerie Louie and her date talk as they try the pretzels. Formal-goers didn't have to worry about going hungry, for the price of the formal bid included drinks, snacks, and entertainment.

▲ Ties loosened and sore feet forgotten, everyone gets on the dance floor as the band "Eclipse" plays another song. The popular group played songs by the Stray Cats and Missing Persons.

▲ Before a crowd of cheerful couples, emcees Robert Hoffman and Carrie Wade announce the girls that are on the Winter Formal Court. Nearly every girl nominated to the formal court attended that evening.

A Formal "Showered" With Good Times

The black digital clock on the dresser showed five o' clock as Lori peered out the window. Frowning at the gray clouds collecting on the horizon, she thought, "I hope it doesn't rain tonight. A wet formal would be **so** depressing!"

Lori finally turned away from the window and glanced at the mirror. "Terrific! Tonight of all nights, my hair has to turn out looking like I stuck my finger in a light socket or something! And this zipper keeps getting stuck - "Oh, Mo-om!" Lori hollered. "Could you come and help me get into this dress?!"

Just seven blocks away, Lori's date, John, was having problems of his own. For some reason, his bowtie wouldn't behave. "Darn tuxedo! They oughta make it so you can wear Levi's to the formal instead of **this** stuff," he growled. After the fourteenth try, though, the unruly tie was in place, and John bolted out the door into the chauffeur-driven Cadillac that he'd rented for the occasion.

Suddenly, he froze. The flowers! They were still sitting in the refrigerator behind the baloney! Tails streaming behind him, John scrambled into the house, threw open the refrigerator, grabbed his flowers, and dashed out. "Maybe if I hand it to her **this** way, she won't see where I smashed it," John muttered gloomily as he examined the flowers.

The ride out to L.A. went all right, and they ate dinner at a restaurant with one of those long, Continental names. After they both sawed their steaks and rearranged the rice pilaf for a good half an hour, they decided to head for the formal.

As they drove toward Universal Studios, it started raining steadily. To make matters worse, by the time they got near the Universal Sheraton, thousands of concert-goers leaving from a show at the Universal Ampitheater had backed up traffic all over the place.

"It seems more like a nightmare than a night for "dreamers everywhere!" Lori grimaced.

By the time they got to the Sheraton, two hours later, the rain had stopped, leaving behind rivers of muddy water. Wondering how to get across, Lori finally told John, "I think I'll try jump over. It doesn't look too wide."

For John it was a piece of cake, but Lori had forgotten about her high heels. Closing her eyes Lori breathed a quick prayer, clenched her teeth, and . . .

"Oh my g. . .!" Splash! The water wasn't as narrow — **or** as shallow — as she expected! There wasn't that much to be done, though, and she and John dripped with dignity down to the ballroom. "I feel like such a jerk. What a formal!" they both thought.

Then a few strains of music floated down the hall. "Stray Cats! My favorite!" Lori exclaimed.

"Yeah, that "Eclipse" group is pretty good, huh?" John agreed.

Once inside the ballroom, they didn't feel half as bad as before.

"You want to dance?" John asked.

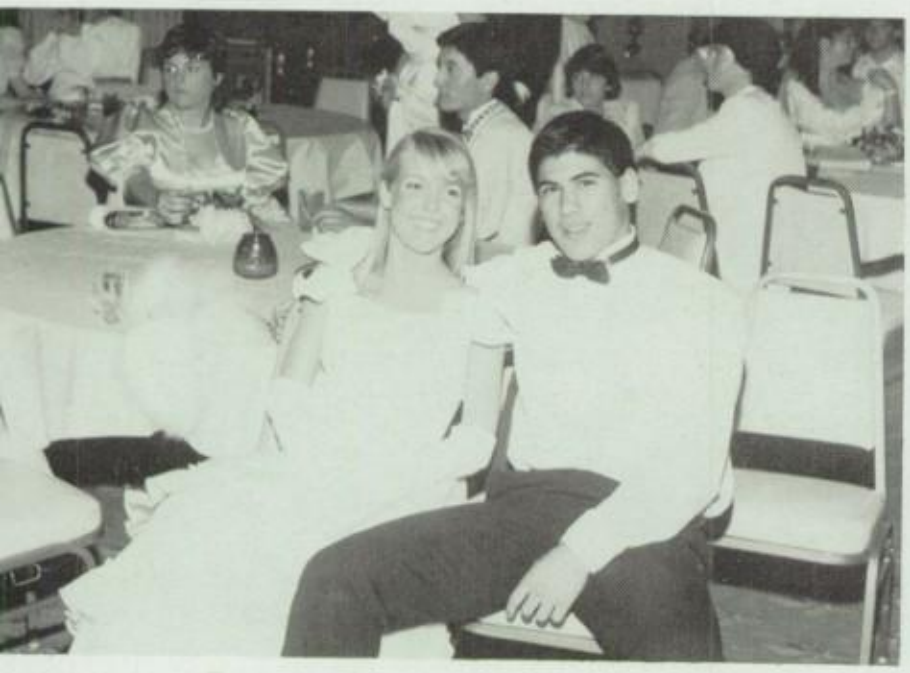
"I'd love to!"

The other couples looked their way momentarily. Some commented how cute their matching tan-on-white clothes were, But John and Lori were having too much fun to listen to other couples' comments.

"I'm glad he's having fun," Lori smiled to herself.

"It looks like she's having fun," John mused cheerfully.

"You know something?" they both said at the same time. "I'm really having a good time! What a great formal!"



▲ Whew! Their feet "danced off," Julie Peart and Al Lino take a break at the tables. In spite of the rain, most couples seemed to enjoy the evening.

▲ Prepared to enjoy their formal, Debbie Prince, Dan Koenn, Paulette Toarmina, and Dave Strnad pause in the lobby before going into the ballroom. The formal, "For Dreamers Everywhere," was held at the Universal Sheraton.

Headlines '82 - '83:

An assassination attempt was made on Pope John Paul during his visit to Portugal. May 13, 1982.

Lebanon's president-elect Bashir Gemayel was assassinated. Gemayel's assassination triggered the Lebanon Crisis.

John DeLorean, a master in the world of Detroit, tries his hand in the drug dealing world and gets busted. November, 1982.

Sophia Loren spent 17 days in an Italian jail for skipping a 1963 tax payment.

Michael Fagan bypassed guards, barbed wire, and a ten-foot wall and paid an unwelcomed early morning visit to Queen Elizabeth's bedroom. July, 1982.

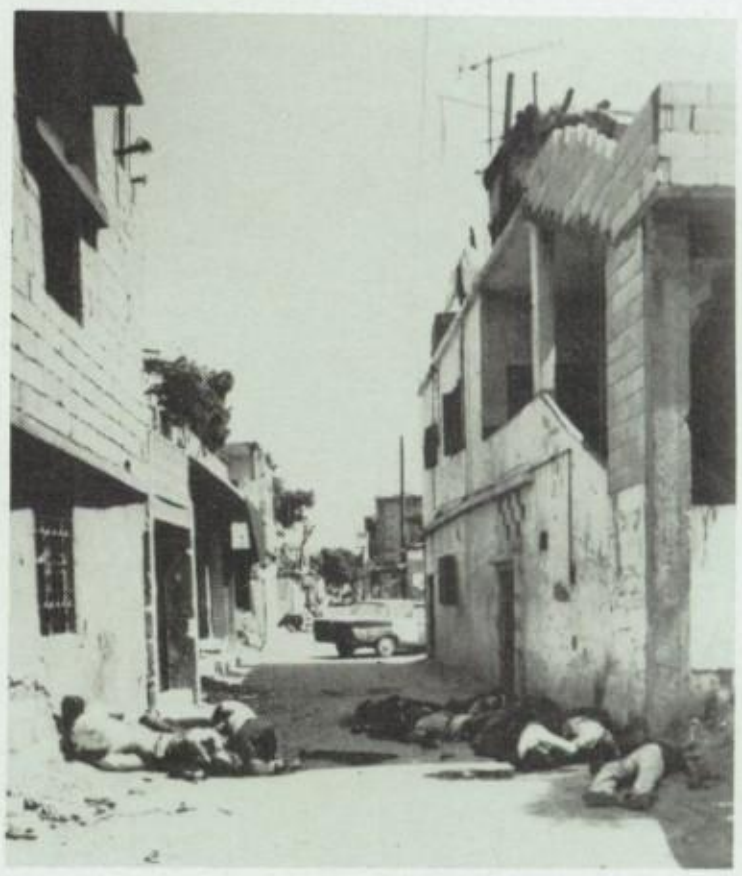
Italian commandos stormed a dingy apartment and ended the 42-day captivity of American General James Dozier. Dozier, a NATO officer, was the first non-Italian abducted as a protest against the NATO alliance.

▲ Grace Kelly-a regal film beauty, a storybook princess of Monaco-then a fatal auto accident.

▲ 1982 was the year when Leonid Brezhnev died, ending his relatively benign 18-year rule of the U.S.S.R.

▲ Lech Walesa addresses the crowd in front of his home as his wife, Danuta, waves, shortly after the Solidarity labor movement leader was freed from confinement ordered by the country's military leaders. November 15, 1982.

▲ Their Royal Highness The Prince and Princess of Wales are shown at Kensington Palace with their infant son, Prince William, who was born June 21. July 20, 1982.

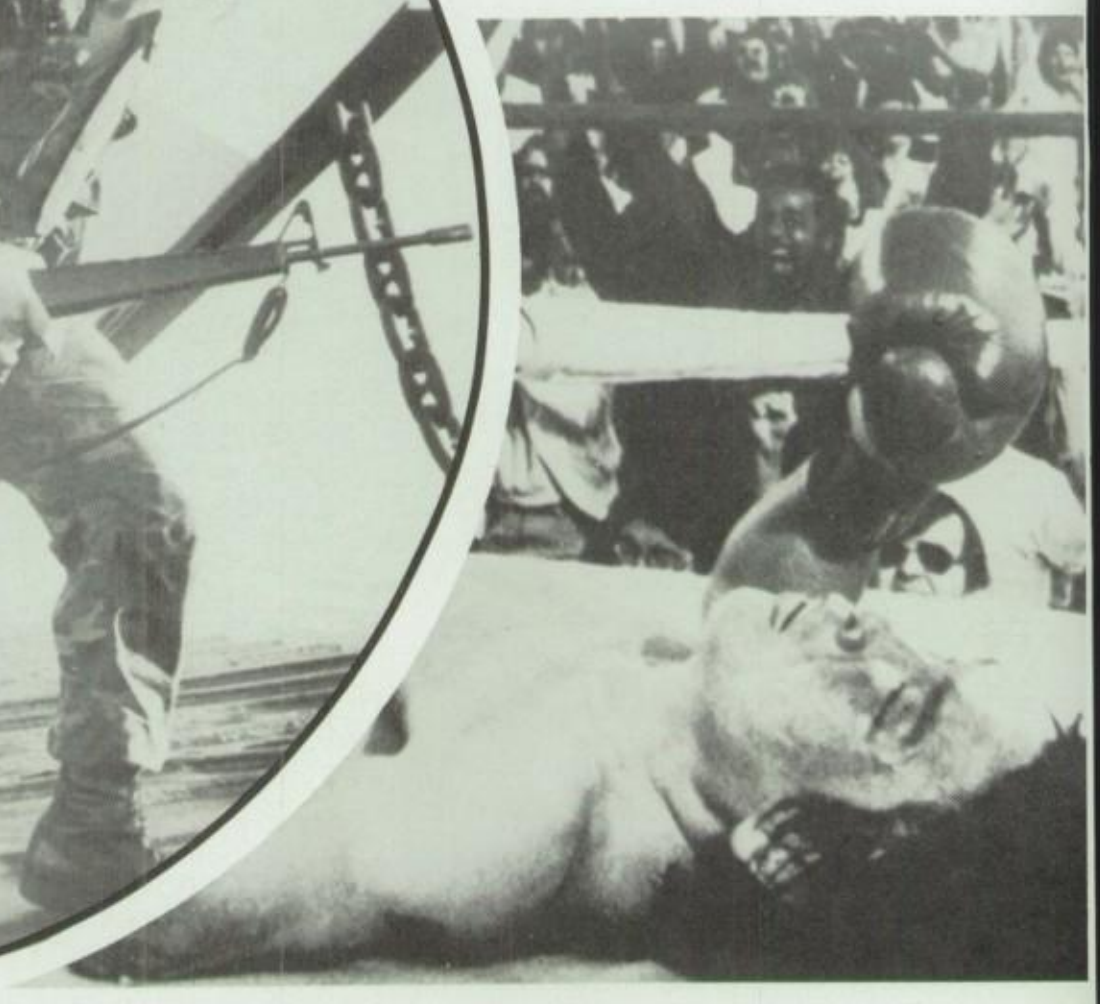


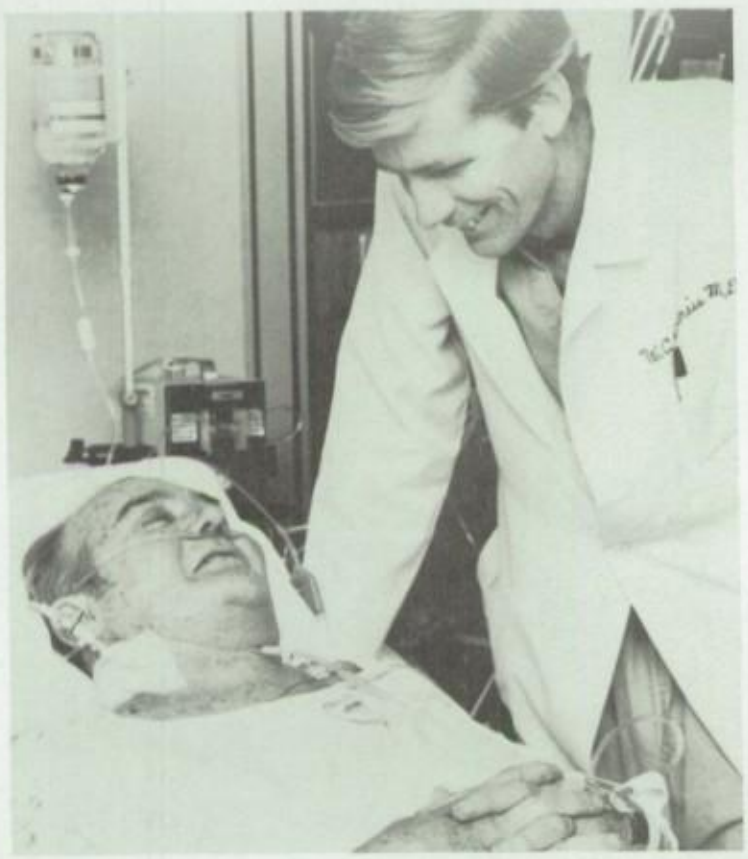
▲ Scott Thompson of Johnstown, Pa., looks over his experiment — a study of convective liquid flows driven by surface tension — that was carried aloft on the flight of the Columbia Space Shuttle, which returned to earth November 16, 1982.

▲ A helicopter hovers over rescue workers searching for victims of an explosion that leveled an Israeli military headquarters, killing more than 70. November 12, 1982.

▲ Argentinian soldiers captured at Goose Green are guarded by a Royal Marine shortly after their surrender ended the conflict between Great Britian and Argentina, June 2, 1982.

▲ Hundreds of innocent men, women, and children were the victims of a massacre in Sabra, a Palestine Liberation Organization camp in West Beirut. A Christian militia group was held responsible. September 18, 1982.





▲ Some of 800 U.S. Marines run from a landingcraft as they go ashore to take up peace-keeping duty in the war-shattered Beirut port area. August 25, 1982.

▲ Artificial heart recipient Barney B. Clark, 61, smiles at his surgeon, Dr. William DeVries, one day after the surgery at the University of Utah Medical Center. December 3, 1982.

▲ Korean boxer Duk Koo Kim lies unconscious with fatal head injuries suffered in a lightweight title fight with "Boom Boom" Mancini. November 13, 1982.

▲ Patricia Felch, 27, of Herndon, Va., is rescued by M.E. "Gene" Winston, a paramedic with the National Park Police, after an Air Florida jet-liner crashed in the Patomac River. The crash killed 97 persons. January 13, 1982.

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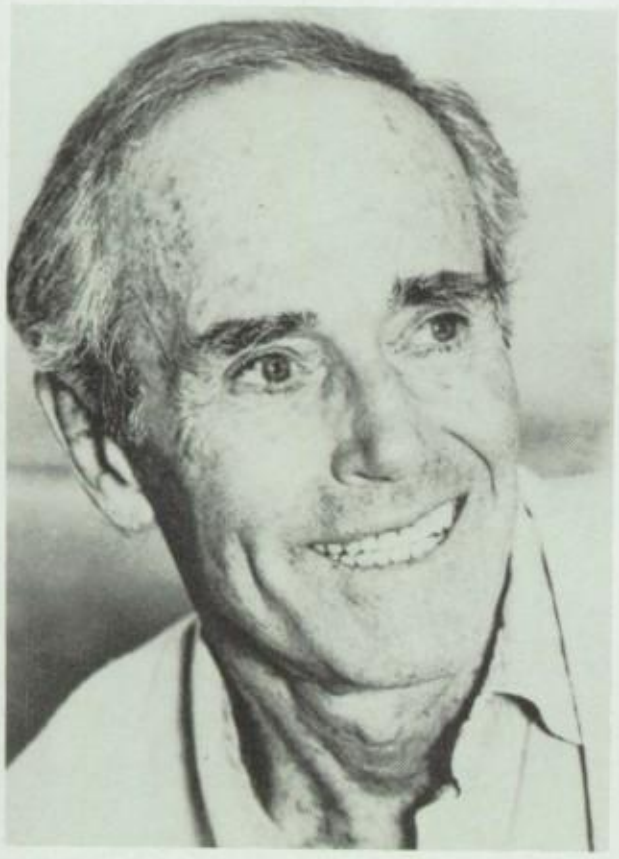


▲ Henry Fonda receives his first Academy Award just months before he died. Fonda received his Oscar for his performance in "On Golden Pond."

▲ Millions of people across the world mourned the death of the great actress, Ingrid Bergman. In Bergman's last starring role, she portrayed Israeli Prime Minister, Golda Meir.

M*A*S*H ends its successful eleven-year run as one of T.V.'s most popular shows. February 28, 1983.

Time Magazine names the computer as 1982's "Man of the Year".

Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip make a royal visit to California. March, 1983.

Hurricane Iwa devastates Hawaii. Only one life is lost.

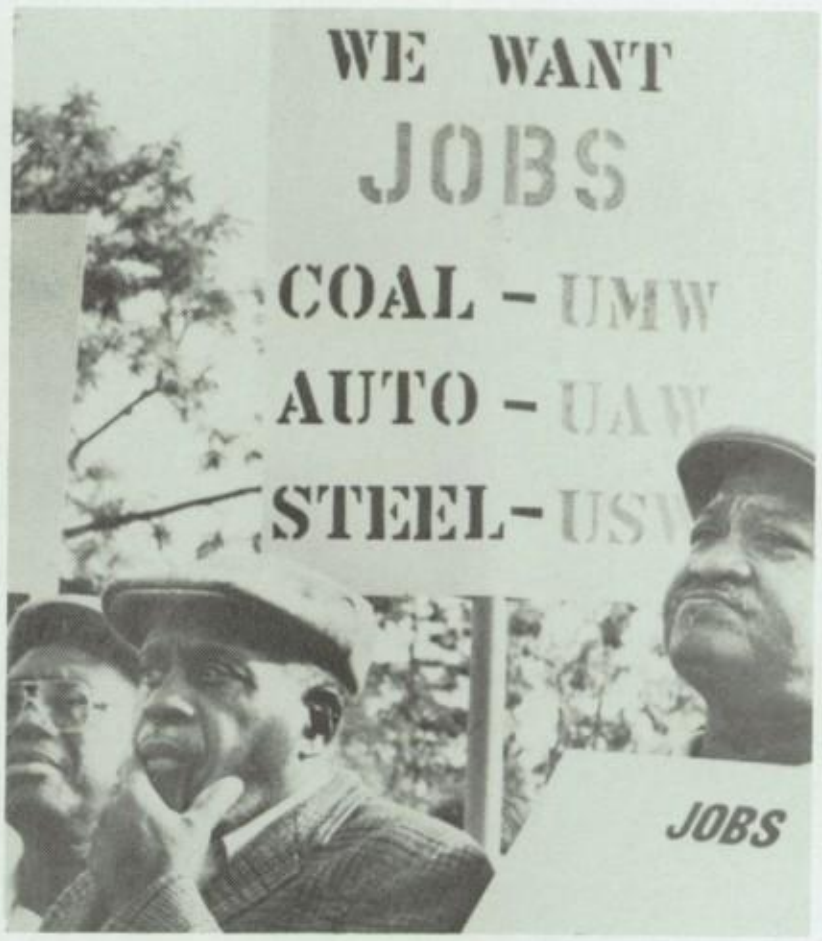
E.T., the Extra-Terrestrial, steals the hearts of millions.

"Dump the Dump" became the familiar cry in Hacienda Heights and neighboring communities as residents objected to noisome and toxic wastes were dumped at the B.K.K. disposal site.

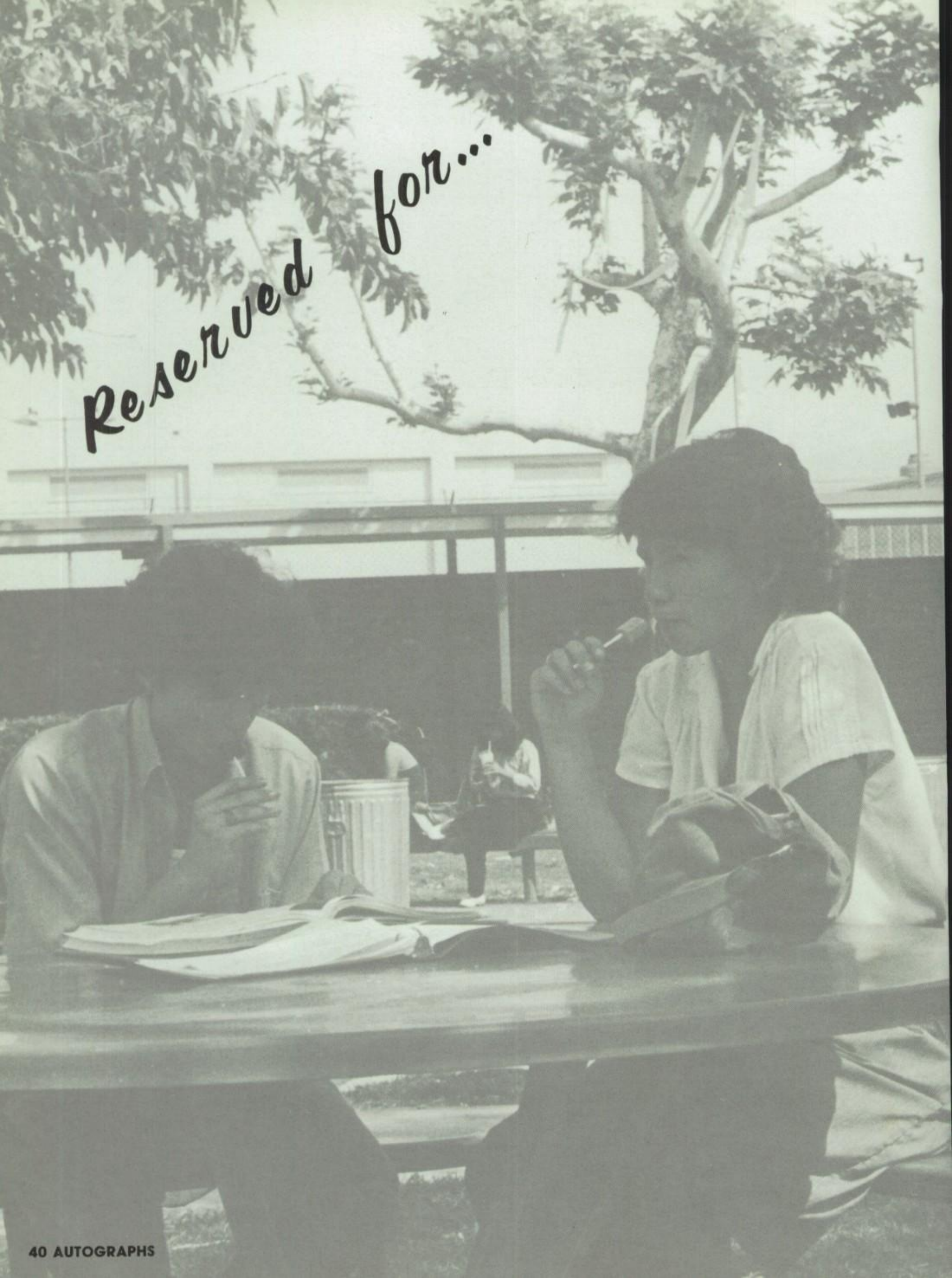
Southern California is hit with record rainstorms. February and March, 1983

Washington Redskins win the 1983 Super Bowl; St. Louis Cardinals win the 1982 World Series.

▲ Employees of the Chicago City Health Department test Tylenol medications for deadly cyanide that killed seven area persons who took the capsules. October 7, 1982.



▲ Demonstrators stand in Lafayette Park, across from the White House, protesting unemployment, which found more than 12 million Americans out of work. October 9, 1982.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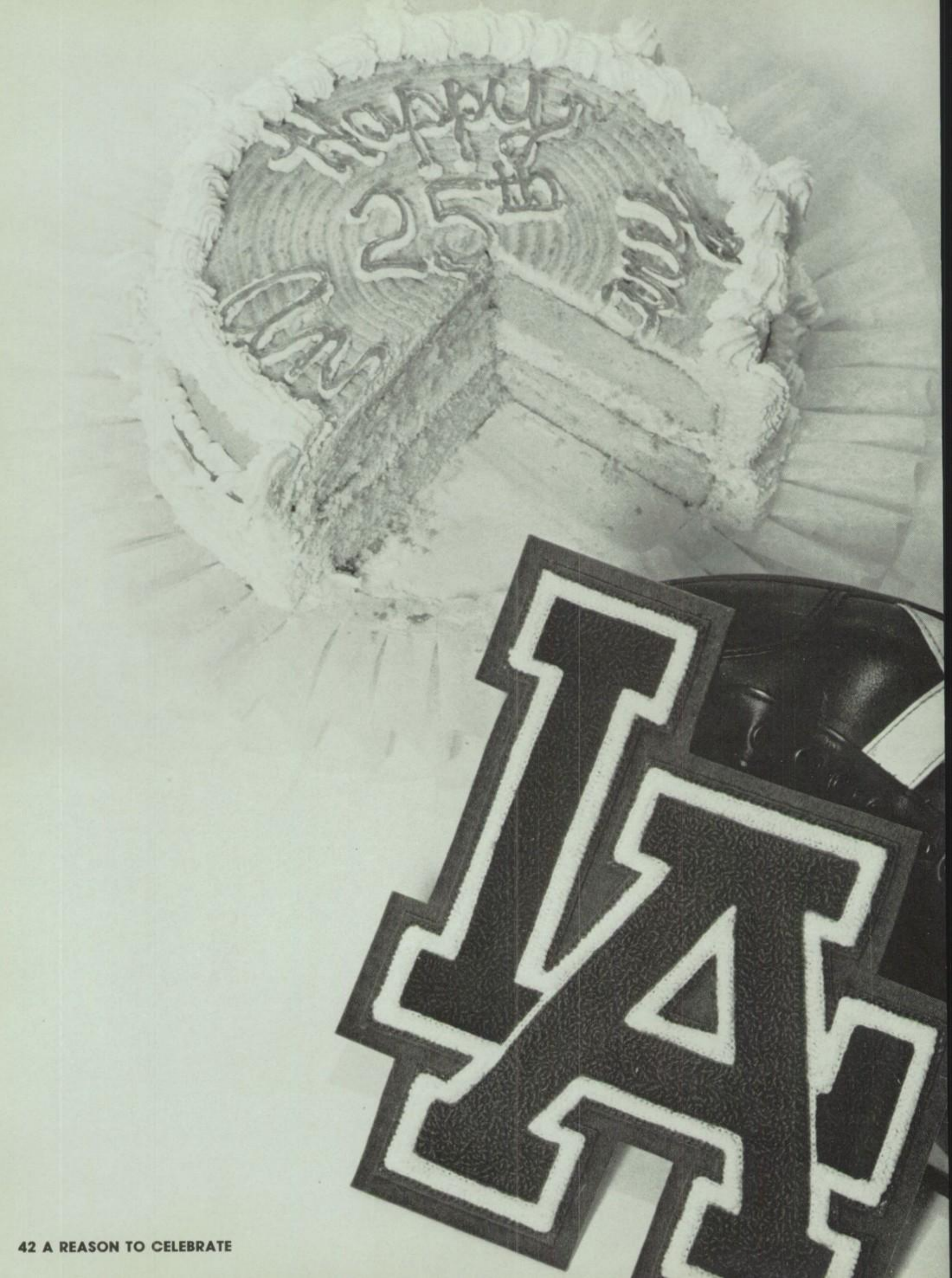


A Reason to Celebrate

Sports

By Milton Todd, Ron Briseno, Ted Hull, Rick Uribe

"Block that kick!"
"Make the goal!"
"C'mon, homerun!"

With forty different athletic teams to cheer for, Conquerors were kept busy all year round. And with over forty percent of the student body involved in the sports program, these teams gave LA a reason to celebrate.

The teams returned our support by coming out with records any school would be proud of. The football team battled its way to the CIF championships, beating Esperanza to become the 3A champs of the Southern Conference. The girls' tennis team went to the CIF finals, too, advancing farther than any other girls' tennis team in the history of Los Altos athletics.

Said Coach Olsen, the defensive coach for the varsity football team, "It (the sports program) seems to have as much variety as any school. I don't know of any other school with more variety. And as for the quality, overall it's as good as any in the San Gabriel Valley."

But the bulk of the sports program wasn't the glory on the playing field. The dedicated athletes drilled after school every day, sometimes working out until six in the evening, or until their aching muscles forced them to stop. For the swim, waterpolo, and basketball teams, practice wasn't limited to afternoons. Braving icy water and frigid air temperatures, they worked mornings from five or six thirty until seven o'clock.

It was this dedication to the sport that earned the teams so many awards. And it was their drive and their pride in their athletic ability that was our reason to celebrate.

FOOTBALL

Blue Wrecking Crew

Los Altos captured the Sierra League championship behind the high flying offense of quarterback Mike Smith and receivers Daren Davis, Matt Stark, Rick Scurto, Phil Estrada, and Don White. This was the fourth consecutive Sierra League title for the Conquerors.

Los Altos, which gained a reputation as a passing team, also gained a number of first downs and touchdowns by rushing. Rick Scurto and Phil Estrada thrilled the spectators with their uncanny ability to press forward, even when persued closely by their opponents.

"...the best defensive team...in ten years."
COACH DESPAIN

Fans saw the Conquerors outscore their opponents by 3-1, a statistic attributed to the awesome defense. In the words of Coach DeSpain, "This was the best defensive team I have coached in ten years." This tough defensive squad, led by Don Scheffler, Tim Fitzgerald, Mark Proctor, Al Lino, and Jim Morabito, held their opponents to only 114 first downs as compared to 199 for the Conquerors. In the Mater Dei game, Mark Proctor returned a Mater Dei pass interception 45 yards for a touchdown.

Andre Guardi, kicker, drew murmurs of awe from the crowds with his long, powerful kick-offs. He kicked for a total of 3,452 yards, which gave him an average of 57.5 yards per kick-off.

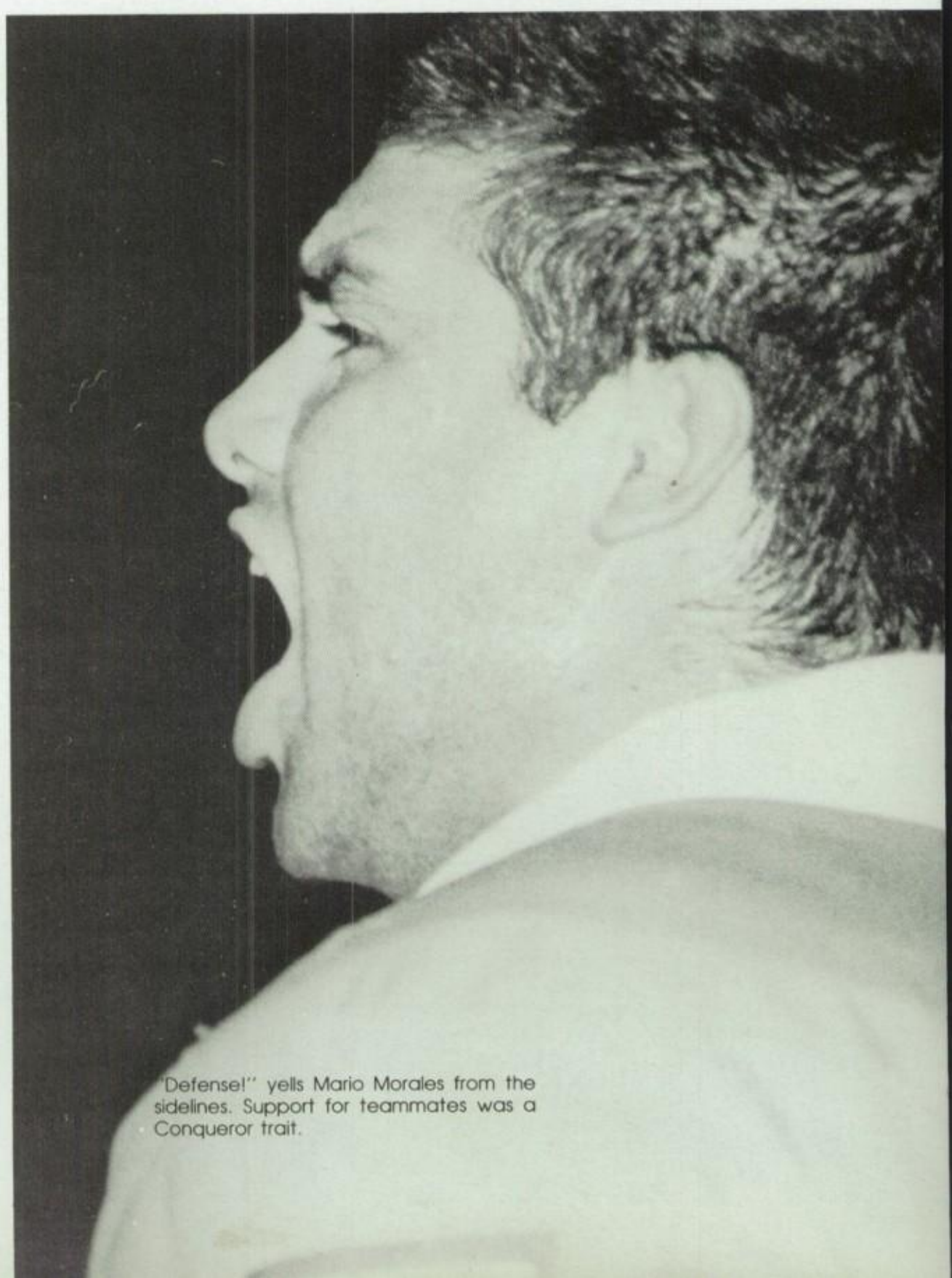
The season ended with two Los Altos players leading CIF in statistics. Matt Stark, a premier tight-end, was the leading receiver with 64 catches for a total of 738 yards and 4 touchdowns.

Mike Smith, the 6'10" quarterback, finished the regular season with 2,424 yards and 30 touchdowns. He also threw eight touchdown passes in one game, which broke the previous CIF record of seven.

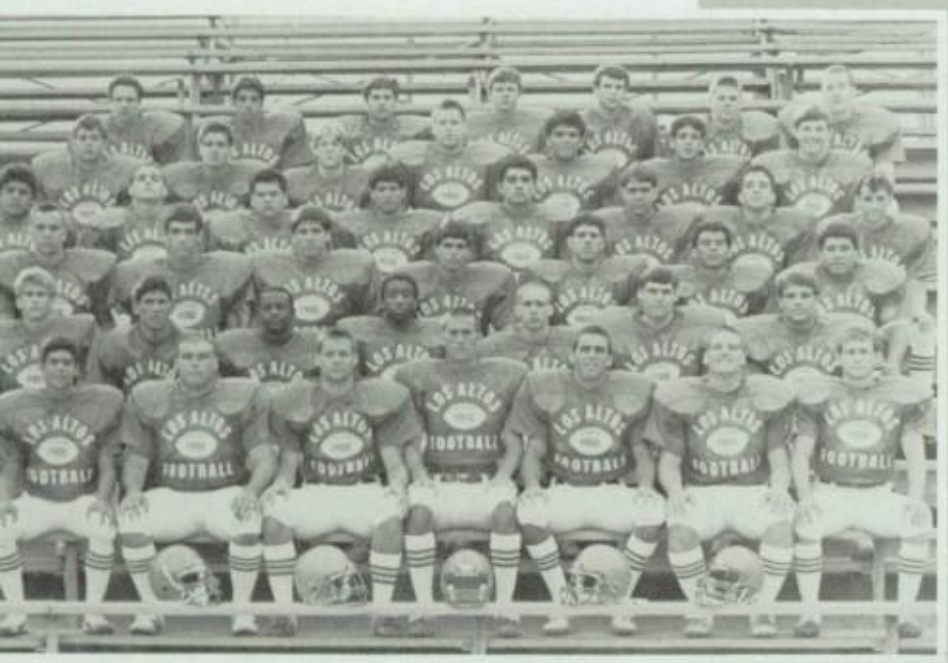
All in all, this will be remembered in the archives of Los Altos football as a year of broken records and high-flying balls.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

24	Los Altos	La Serna	7
38	Los Altos	El Rancho	7
21	Los Altos	Mater Dei	10
28	Los Altos	Duarte	21
31	Los Altos	South Hills	14
23	Los Altos	Walnut	0
63	Los Altos	Edgewood	20
41	Los Altos	West Covina	13
56	Los Altos	Rowland	0
17	Los Altos	Wilson	16



"Defense!" yells Mario Morales from the sidelines. Support for teammates was a Conqueror trait.



◂ VARSITY FOOTBALL. **Front Row:** Paul Champommier, Mario Morales, Matt Stark, Mike Smith, Daren Davis, Tim Fitzgerald, Mike Winegar. **Second Row:** Tim Flink, Al Lino, Marcus Martin, Chris Wright, Don White, Rick Kozak, Rick Speicher. **Third Row:** Eric Martz, Dean Gutierrez, Dan Burnett, Gary Draschich, Rick Scurto, Kevin Settles, Art Nila. **Fourth Row:** Al Ayala, David Kost, Cesar Maestas, Phil Estrada, Vince Saavedra, Dean Silke, Jim Morabito, Mike Brooks. **Fifth Row:** Kevin Freymond, Mark Proctor, David Sanches, Phil Benson, Jack Arallo, Robert Reza, Jim Beck. **Back Row:** David Luna, Rick Gamboa, Glen Robles, Brad Barnett, Andre Guardi, Brock Parry, Chris Rusch.

▾ Gaining yardage, Rick Scurto has one more Mater Dei defender left in his way. Rick scored two touchdowns in a 21-10 Los Altos win.

◂ Moving too fast for his opponent, Daren Davis catches a ball for a first down against South Hills. In that game, Daren caught 13 passes to break the school record for pass receptions.

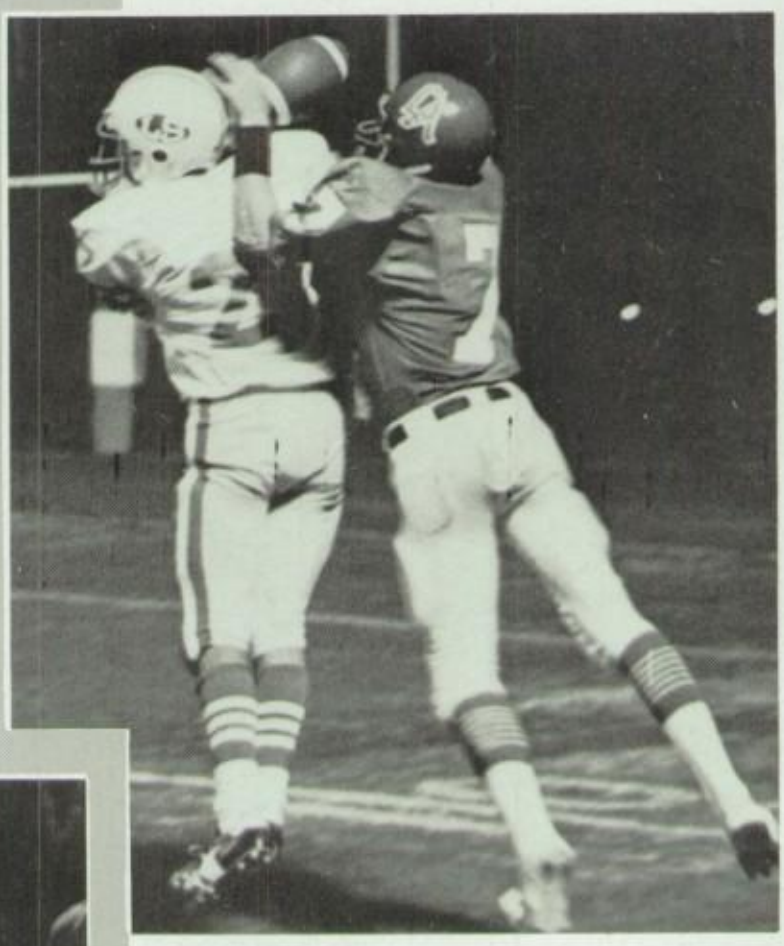
▴ As head coach Dwayne Despain carefully chooses what plays to run, Paul Champommier waits expectantly for Coach Despain to tell him what play to relay.

◂ Fast and alert, Rick Scurto rushes past El Rancho defenders. The Conquerors dealt the Dons a resounding defeat, 38-7.

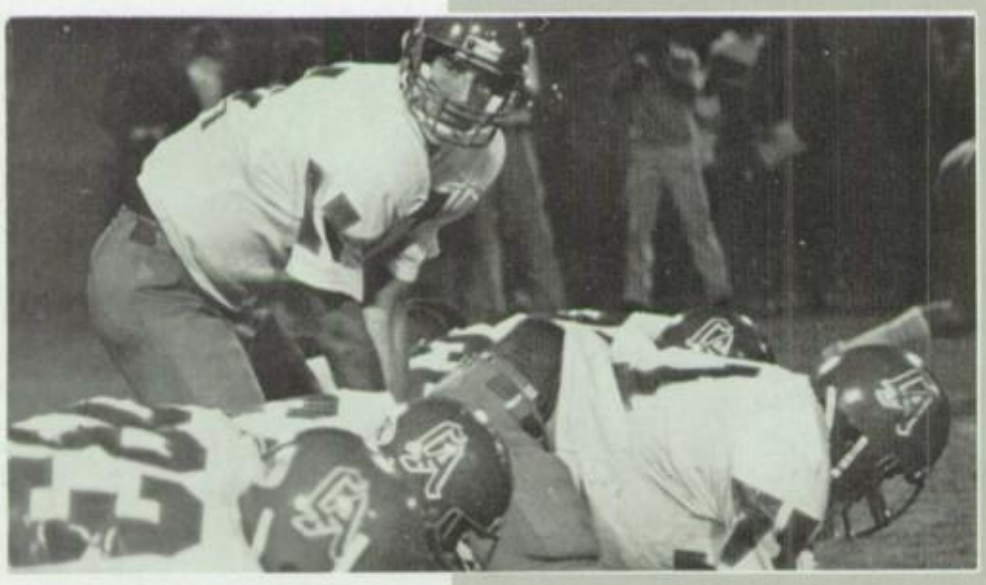
FEATURE

◗ Defense conquers again. Rowland rusher has nowhere to go as Rick Gamboa and teammates stop him for a loss.

◒ The goal line stand doesn't stop Rick Scurto. With four defenders around him, Rick Scurto muscles his way for the touchdown.



◗ Don White strikes ball from a La Serna receiver. Excellent defense contributed to success.



◓ Quarterback Mike Smith calls the signals for the Conqueror attack. Mike led the team in an undefeated season and a berth in C.I.F. competition.

◗ Leaping high, tight end Matt Stark makes a spectacular catch. At season's end, Matt had 64 receptions which made the Conquerors offense formidable going into CIF competition.

Clash In The Heights

The annual Clash in the Heights matched Los Altos against crosstown rival Wilson. There was no doubt about the importance of this game. Signs of spirit and enthusiasm were everywhere. Game ribbons and banners hanging from buildings encouraged the Conquerors to tame the Wildcats. The day before the game the students poured into the gym for a super pep rally with the theme, "Jungle hunt for Wildcats". Students laughed at "crazy" Wilson cheerleaders and chanted encouraging phrases to motivate the football team. Then Mario Morales' pep talk to the student body really pumped up the crowd.

Hours before the game, lines were already forming at the ticket windows, fans eager to get into the stadium for the best seats available. Approximately 12,000 fans looked on as both teams appeared at the gate. The Los Altos students stood up, very visible wearing red, white, and blue colors, and waved red and blue pom poms. Conqueror players sprinted through the maze created by the band. The Clash in the Heights was ready to begin.

With both teams 4-0 in league play, this game not only would determine who would get the wheel, a trophy donated by Highlander Publications, but more importantly, who would be league champs.

The Conquerors started off slowly, but by halfway through the 2nd quarter Los Altos enjoyed a 14-0 lead. Wilson then marched down field and kicked a field goal, to make the score 14-3 at halftime.

From the beginning of the 3rd quarter Wilson took control of the game with a 60 yard run after a Wildcat handoff, which stunned Conqueror fans as the scoreboard flashed a 14-10 score. Los Altos then increased its lead with a field goal, making it 17-10. With four minutes remaining, Wilson, in possession of the ball, paraded down to the one yard line, with a first and goal to go. Talk about a cliff-hanger! All fans stood and watched as Wilson made attempt after attempt and Los Altos defense held them for three downs. The Wildcat quarterback crossed the goal line on the fourth try, and the crowd went wild! Would it be a tie? With 40 seconds remaining Wilson gambled on a two-point conversion, but the Conqueror defense stood fast and squelched the Wildcats' dream.

In the traditional battle for the wheel, an actual wagon wheel mounted on a stand, the coveted wheel hasn't done much rolling. Over the years, in the annual competition for the trophy, the Conquerors have won 10, tied 1, and lost 2.

After every game, both teams congratulate each other for a job well done. Mater Dei players congratulate Mike Smith after the Los Altos conquest.

FOOTBALL

Down To The Wire

They did it! Once again, Los Altos won a Sierra League championship. This time the J.V. football team did it under the coaching of Mr. Ray Dean.

Nothing about this team distinguished it from others. There were no star players, no quarterback or runningback on whose shoulders the team's hopes rested. Everything they accomplished could truly be called a team effort.

The setting for the event couldn't have been better if it had been planned. Coming into the final game, there was a three way tie for first place among Rowland, Wilson, and Los Altos. J.V. would play Wilson and determine their own destiny. Under the shadow of the same varsity contest, this one was no less crucial to the players.

The first half was an extremely physical and defensive battle with Wilson coming out on top leading six to nothing. The J.V. came out in the second half looking to even the score. With key third down conversions on passes from Paul Zuniga to Leon Garcia, the conquerors soon scored to tie the game. Strong running by Larry Del Rio was also a factor. They entered the end zone once more to go ahead 12-6. From there, the defense took control of the show. Several Wilson drives were stopped by timely interceptions. Final score: Los Altos 12, Wilson 6.

"...we wanted to prove ourselves."
GRADY HICKS

"Solid coaching and a balanced team were responsible for our success."
SHANNON CURRIE

The J.V. team ended up having to share the league title with Rowland, each having a 4-1 record. However, this did not dilute the victory over Wilson, for J.V. had also beaten Rowland.

Sprinting downfield, wide receiver Alex Tapia approaches a defender. He was stopped this time, but throughout the season he avoided many tackles.

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

28	Los Altos	Walnut	7
24	Los Altos	Edgewood	0
16	Los Altos	West Covina	17
22	Los Altos	Rowland	14
12	Los Altos	Wilson	6

◆ JUNIOR VARSITY. **Front Row:** Chris Martz, Jim Osborn, Dan Macias, Joe Polder, Fidel Padilla, Jim Wolfhope, Dan Andrea, Gabe Marquez. **Second Row:** Shannon Currie, Tom Del Rio, Jerry DeFranco, Mike Headworth, Tony Estrada, Mark Iriarte, Larry Del Rio. **Third Row:** Troy Sella, Geb Fisher, Steve Hastings, Rick Smith, Mike Marzell, Craig Johnson, Louis Jaime. **Fourth Row:** Jeff Lyska, Ricky Blair, Paul Zuniga, Chuck Gonzalez, Gilbert Martinez, Albert Estrada. **Fifth Row:** Craig Colantuono, Butch Coley, Billy Kipp, Jim Miller, Grady Hicks, Joe Rivera, Luis Rodriguez. **Sixth Row:** Trent Flink, Morrie Desatoff, Rick Drascich, Chris Luce, Rick Murrietta, Adrian Grijalva, Steve Carlos. **Seventh Row:** Alex Tapia, Eric Garcia, Shaun Prince, Mario Pineda, Leon Garcia, Pat Watson, Jim Burnett, Marty Murrietta. **Back Row:** Carlos Dominguez, Dave Webster, Tom Gazdick, Ray Ginez.

◆ Taking the hit, runningback Rick Smith doesn't give up. Extra efforts like this one were responsible for many victories.

◆ Exploding upwards, Pat Watson attempts to make the interception. Pat came up with the ball and helped the J.V. win.

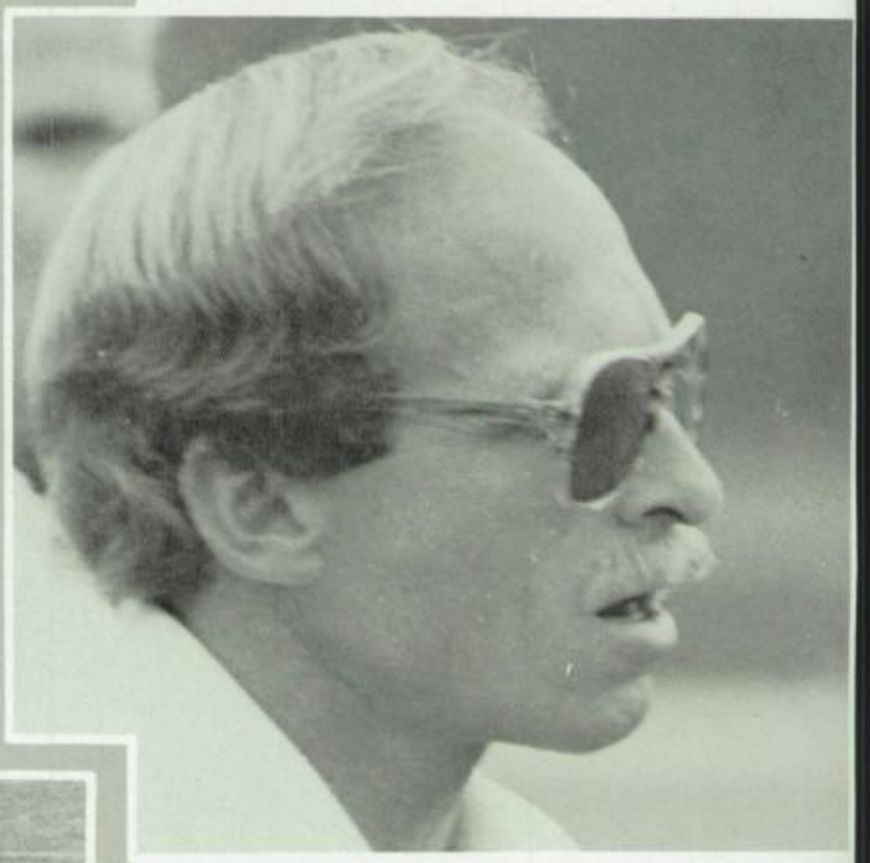
◆ After the snap, quarterback Paul Zuniga hands the ball to Chuck Gonzalez. Chuck a promising runningback, rushed for impressive yeardage.

◆ Reaching above his head, Shannon Currie makes the catch. Shannon played many positions including flanker, runningback, and defensive back.

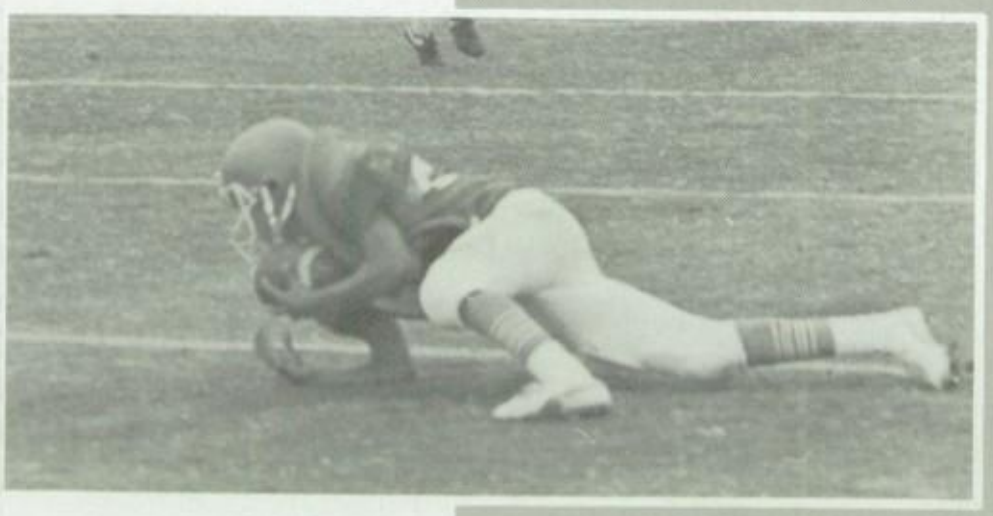
FOOTBALL

◗ FRESHMAN FOOTBALL. **Front Row:** Ray Alberoni, Adrian Alcazar, Ronnie Alverez, Charles Ayers, Hector Bustamante, Tom Castillo, Chris Castrellon, Greg Castrellon. **Second Row:** Robert Easton, Norman Elliott, Tony Escarcega, Mark Flores, Kent Ferrin, Tony Griffin, Mike Gay. **Third Row:** Dan Goble, Will Harris, Jimmy Hooper, David Houston, Darrin Johns, Arcadio Landazuri, John Lopez, John Lorenzana. **Fourth Row:** John Minnicucci, Mike Miranda, Derek Oie, Greg Parra, John Peart, Shaun Plowman, Scott Rice. **Fifth Row:** Richie Rodriguez, Martin Salinas, Steve Sargent, Randy Schlatter, Todd Schork, Dave Semmer, Jon Silva, Robert Silva. **Sixth Row:** Paul Siordia, Mark Smith, Tyson Smith, Randy Stenberg, Tom Stepanski, Gary Spears, Mike Taylor. **Back Row:** Alex Ulloa, Mike Watson, Paul Wiederkehr, Doug Yee, Phil Young, Aaron Merrill, Danny Dalziel.

◗ With men following, Will Harris charges up for the kickoff. A kickoff can change the direction of the game in a big way.

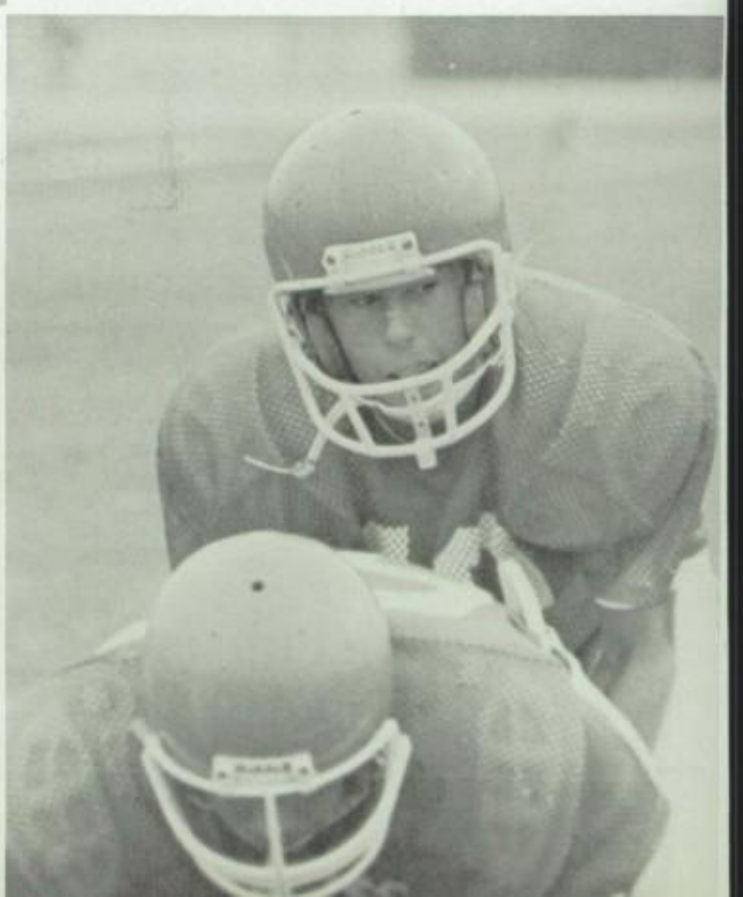


◗ Concentration showing, Assistant Coach Jim Miller looks astonished by that last call. Coaches must, however, stay calm and stick to advising their players.



◓ Diving onto the ground, Greg Parra's first priority is to hold onto the ball. Los Altos has traditionally had a strong passing game.

◗ Like his older brother, Mark Smith is the starting quarterback for his team. Mark calls the numbers for the next play.



Talent To Spare

He impatiently pulled his jersey over his head and rose from the bench. As he exited the locker room, his mind began to wander through the many days of hard work in preparation for the season. He was only on the freshman football team, but it didn't matter. He was doing this for the satisfaction of winning and moving on to the junior varsity, then varsity, bringing valuable experience with him. Meeting with teammates already gathered outside the PE building, his expectations of the upcoming game mingled with his reminiscences. Anxiety built inside him as comments and guesses about the next hour filtered into his consciousness.

"They'll take league when they are J.V. and varsity."
COACH AVRAM

A few minutes later, the team headed towards the field, their cleated shoes slapping the hard surface, sounding to some very much like the applause they hoped to enjoy.

What happened from then to game-time blurred in his mind. The coin flipped through the air, the first possession of the ball riding on its everchanging back. Los Altos lost the toss, only a minor setback to what would be a good game—he thought. He stood quietly on the sideline, watched the ball fly through the air and land in the arms of the opponent, who took off running. His teammates on the field tried desperately to stop the opponent, but to no avail; the runner sprinted 90 yards for a touchdown. The guys on the sideline slumped on the benches, intimidated by these awesome first moments. "Will it all be that bad?" he questioned himself.

The game did not get worse, but just stayed that bad. "We weren't suppose to lose," was the look on the players' faces.

They slowly dragged themselves back to the locker room expecting harsh criticism. However, when the coach entered, he did not show disgust. "Hey, guys," he started, "you lost, yeah, but don't let it get you down. Do you know what you did wrong? If you do, that's good. If you don't, that's OK too." The players stayed quiet. "I can see it in you that you're good," the coach continued. "You have a lot of natural talent that isn't showing fully yet. You are here to learn football, not to be great already. You may have lost now, but let me tell you. When you guys are junior varsity and varsity, you'll win the league—you've got it in you!"

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

0	Los Altos	Wilson	7
0	Los Altos	Rowland	7
0	Los Altos	Walnut	6
33	Los Altos	Edgewood	0
6	Los Altos	West Covina	24

Fading back, quarterback Mark Smith spots his intended receiver. He must also keep his eyes on the incoming opponents.

WATER POLO

LACKING SENIORITY

Our varsity waterpolo team had the odds stacked against them from the beginning. It was only Dr. Daniel Hyre's second year as waterpolo coach. The team had only one senior, Jerry Anguiano. Dr. Hyre knew that his team was inexperienced, but he still had high expectations. Placing high in C.I.F. was one of his goals, which included winning the Sierra League.

Workouts began before summer vacation in order to prepare the team for summer league. Dr. Hyre hoped that the tournaments played during the summer would give his team the much needed experience. They played well in these games and improved immensely.

"The team as a whole is excellent..."
MARK GUITHUES

Before school started, the varsity players suffered through hell week. It was really only four days, but the reason we say "suffered", is that each of these days consisted of two four-hour workouts. A large part of the workouts was spent out of the water. They ran the stadium stairs and spent time in the weight room. Having made it through hell week, they were as ready as could be expected.

The team went into Sierra League play with high hopes; however, their dreams were not realized and understandably so. With a team like Wilson's, which had many seniors who had played together for several seasons in the league, they knew it was going to be an up-hill fight. Struggling through league, they didn't win a game. Their won/loss record doesn't really tell the whole story. In both games against Rowland and one game against Walnut, they lost by one point. This season turned out to be a rebuilding one, not only in personnel, but in character as well.

Having such a disappointing season, one would think that the players would be inclined to point fingers and blame it on inexperience. A few did, but some agreed with goalie Steve Fordiani when he said, "Our attitude was terrible." Dr. Hyre still feels strongly about his team's potential and plans to win C.I.F. next year or place in the top four. Matt Sanseverino preferred to put this season behind him when he echoed everyone's feelings, "Just wait 'til next year."

VARSITY WATER POLO

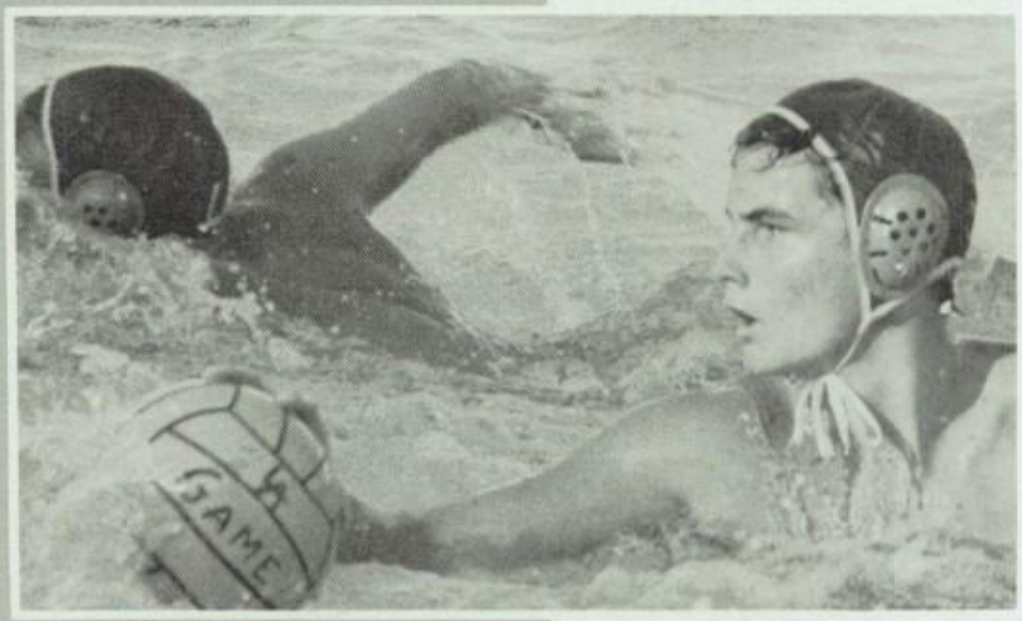
13	Los Altos	La Serna	8
11	Los Altos	Rowland	12
6	Los Altos	M. Vjo.	8
8	Los Altos	Walnut	11
7	Los Altos	Wilson	12
10	Los Altos	Buena Park	11
6	Los Altos	La Puente	16
6	Los Altos	Rowland	7
5	Los Altos	Sunny Hills	12
10	Los Altos	Walnut	11
5	Los Altos	Wilson	15
12	Los Altos	Los Amigos	19

The players discuss strategy during a timeout. With only two timeouts a game, they were used sparingly.

◀ VARSITY WATERPOLO- **Front Row:** Matt Sanseverino, Mark Ostein, Jerry Anguiano, Craig Harvey. **Back Row:** Mark Stewart, Rick Stephan, Steve Fordiani, Mark Guithues, Bill Christensen, Glen Tedrow, Andy Stoddard.

▼ With an opponent in his face, Jerry Anguiano looks for an open man. Jerry was the only senior on the team.

◀ Reacting just in time, starting goalie Steve Fordiani deflects the ball. This was Steve's first year on varsity and he blocked 50% of the shots.



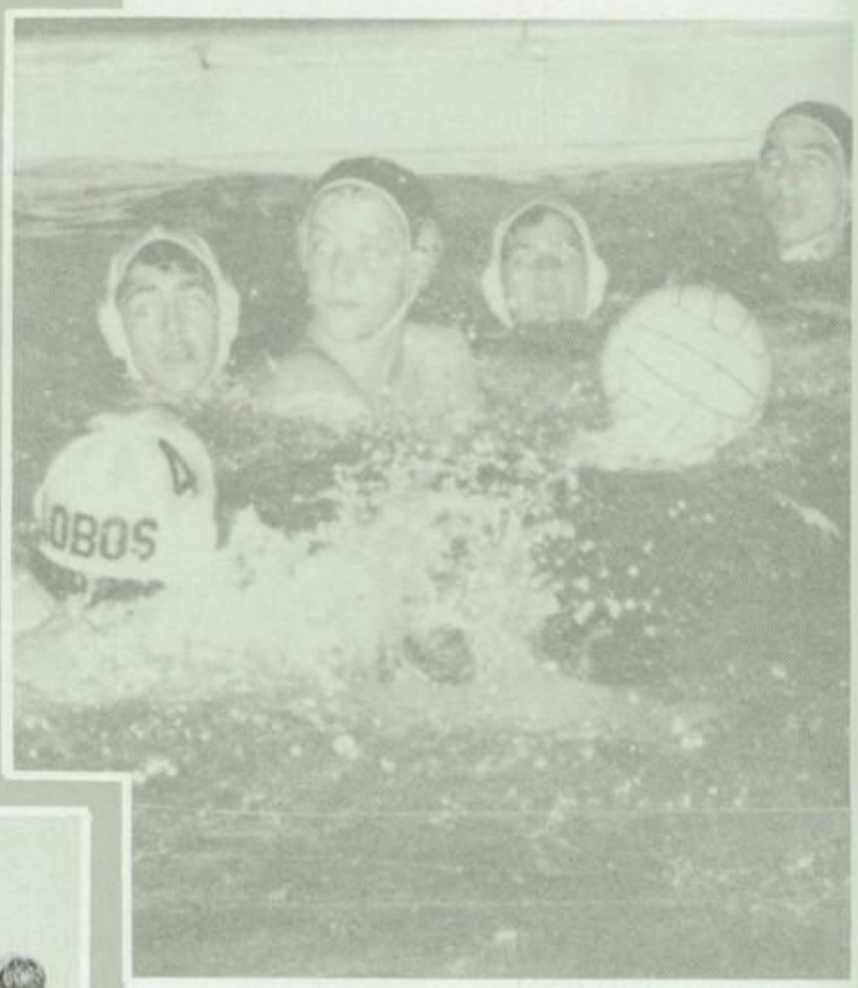
▲ Having made the steal, Andy Stoddard looks downfield. Andy led all starters by scoring 55% of the time.

◀ Dr. Hyre yells out instructions. He makes sure every man is covered and orchestrates plays.

WATER POLO

◗ JUNIOR VARSITY WATER POLO. **Front Row:** Brigitte Madero, Ray Herrera, Steve Verdick, Jesse Ruelas, Bob Pipkin, Tom Sediva, Adalberto Lozano, Glen Tedrow. **Back Row:** Mike Wilson, Jim Griffing, Dave Mosak, Ted Stephan, Tony Balma.

◗ Dishing it off, freshman Tommy Elder sets up the play. A key to winning is good execution.



◗ With his back to the goalie, David Mosak looks for an open man. Dave was always a team player.

◗ FROSH/SOPH WATER POLO. **Front Row:** Rudy Villescas, Paul Dugan, Roy Jimenez, Robert Corlew, Tommy Elder, Travas Wooldridge. **Back Row:** Ted Stephan, Steve Rester, Mark Cabal, Steve Limon, Roger Causer, Mark Rojas, Manual Mendez, Phil Tedrow, Eric Curtis, Eric Todd.

◗ Taking a chance, Roger Causer releases a hard shot. Roger was by far the biggest player on the frosh/soph team.

Tradition Upheld

It was in the air, but no one talked about it. The players had anticipated it all season long. Finally, it was here—the Wilson game! Somewhere back in the Los Altos book of rules and traditions, it was written: If a team in any sport at any level loses all other games, they shall not lose to Wilson! No one has ever actually seen this book, but all knew the passage.

During the season, J.V. water polo had some degree of success. They won approximately 50% of their games and were expected to show well against their arch rival. From the beginning, everyone felt it would be a close contest. While the offense tried to keep the L.A. side of the scoreboard active, goalie Glen Tedrow attempted to keep Wilson's side static. The offense was outstanding and Tedrow did his part by playing exceptionally well and with constant vocal encouragement. J.V. was also aided by Brigitte Madero, the only girl in the water polo program. In the end, the conquerors annihilated the Cats, 9:2.

The frosh/soph team had more working against them. Many of the players went out for the team after school had started and had never played water polo before. Consequently, they won very few games. On the other hand, Wilson's frosh/soph team was undefeated in league play going into the game. After the first few minutes, the game was deadlocked at 0 to 0. With the strong individual efforts of Ted Stephan and Tommy Elder, they jumped ahead to a lead. They never looked back and with the impressive effort of goalie Steve Limon, the frosh/soph defeated the formerly undefeated Wildcats 8:5.

> "Coachability makes the perfect water polo player."
>
> DR. HYRE

With intense concentration, Glen Tedrow follows the ball into his hands. Glen's goal tending was one of the keys to the J.V. team's success.

JUNIOR VARSITY WATER POLO

9	Los Altos	La Serna	6
2	Los Altos	Rowland	10
4	Los Altos	M. Viejo	11
8	Los Altos	Walnut	1
8	Los Altos	Wilson	2
8	Los Altos	Buena Park	5
8	Los Altos	La Puenta	5
11	Los Altos	Rowland	12
6	Los Altos	Sunny Hills	7
7	Los Altos	Walnut	3
9	Los Altos	Wilson	2
5	Los Altos	Los Amigos	0

FROSH/SOPH WATER POLO

1	Los Altos	La Serna	9
3	Los Altos	Rowland	11
0	Los Altos	M. Viejo	14
6	Los Altos	Walnut	4
6	Los Altos	Wilson	16
2	Los Altos	Buena Park	14
6	Los Altos	La Puente	10
7	Los Altos	Rowland	8
3	Los Altos	Sunny Hills	12
7	Los Altos	Walnut	9
8	Los Altos	Wilson	5
6	Los Altos	Los Amigos	13

CROSS COUNTRY

Running The Best

The cross country team began the year with an impressive list of returning lettermen. These included Arnold Molina, Wade Watkins, Armando Azpeitia and Greg Luna. One valuable addition to the team was senior Scott Baldridge, who was the most consistent runner for the Conquerors and always the first Los Altos runner to cross the finish line at league meets. When Coach Dave Shirley was asked who his best runners were, he answered, "Cross Country is a team sport. Our most consistent runner is Scott Baldridge. From there on it's unpredictable, that's what makes the team good.

The key meet for the team was probably the one against Rowland where the final score was 27-28, the Conquerors coming out victorious. The key placing in that meet was that of Arnold Molina, who finished the race in eighth place one second ahead of the ninth place Rowland runner. Scott Baldridge placed first and Steve Baldridge, Wade Watkins, and Armando Azpeitia finished in fifth, sixth and seventh places respectively.

Going into the league finals, Los Altos, Rowland, and Walnut were all tied for first place with a 4-1 record. In the Sierra League Finals, Los Altos and Rowland emerged as co-champions with a score of 40-40 a share. Scott Baldridge placed in first to become the top runner in the Sierra League, and, he was chosen as the Most Valuable Player of the Sierra League.

"Cross country is a team sport."
COACH SHIRLEY

As for the junior varsity team, they were awesome. They went undefeated through the regular season with a 5-0 record and an 8-0 record overall. The team's most consistent runners were Victor Estrada, Mike Taylor, and Mike Marcum. The rest of the team was composed of David Clonts, Ricky Gerger, Bruce Strohmeyer and Rick Dorsey.

Stretching his lead, Arnold Molina is determined to place well in league finals. His placing in the Rowland meet gave the varsity team a 27-28 victory.

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

17	Los Altos	Wilson	39
30	Los Altos	Walnut	25
15	Los Altos	Edgewood	35
27	Los Altos	Rowland	28
15	Los Altos	West Covina	50

JUNIOR VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

17	Los Altos	Wilson	42
17	Los Altos	Walnut	—
16	Los Altos	Edgewood	47
21	Los Altos	Rowland	41
15	Los Altos	West Covina	—

◀ BOYS' VARSITY. Scott Baldridge, Arnold Molina, Greg Luna, Armando Azpeitia, Wade Watkins, Brian Sanchez.

▼ Increasing his lead over the rest of the pack, Scott Baldridge places first in league finals. He was the varsity team's most consistent runner.

◀ BOYS' JUNIOR VARSITY. **Front Row:** Mike Marcum, Victor Estrada, John Chavira, **Back Row:** Rick Dorsey, David Clonts, Bruce Strohmeyer.

▲ With a steady pace, Mike Marcum is determined to win. Mike was a big factor in the J.V.'s undefeated season.

◀ Running as a group, the J.V. team takes the lead. This type of fine running is what gave them an 8-0 season.

CROSS COUNTRY

◗ GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY. **Front Row:** Marta Chavira, Lisa Vara, Regine Sediva. **Back Row:** Sandra Knowles, Tricia Molina, Carol MacDonald, Gaby Enriquez.

◗ Taking a step at a time, Sandra Knowles keeps her concentration. She was an important factor in the team's success.

◗ Though pain shows on her face, Regine Sediva doesn't slacken the pace. Regine experienced the grueling exertion of a cross country runner.

▲ With intense determination, Franco Carrillo strives to finish the race. Frosh/soph runners gained experience and confidence in competition.

◗ Running alone, Ty Watkins keeps his concentration. Keeping one's concentration is vital in long distance running.

Impressive Young Team

The girl's cross country team had a successful season. In their first league meet they were pitted against Walnut and Wilson in a double duel. Los Altos beat the Mustangs and the Wildcats by a very convincing score, starting the season with a 2-0 record in league. The Conquerors lost their next two meets against Edgewood and Rowland, 31-24 and 36-19 respectively. The girls then came back to beat West Covina. They wound up with a 3-2 record and earned a berth in C.I.F. as the third place team in the Sierra League. The girls didn't do very well in C.I.F. competition but this wasn't surprising since the team was young; Carol MacDonald was the only senior on the team. When Coach Dave Shirley was asked how the team could be more competitive, he replied, "If more girls came out, especially freshmen, we could get better scores and therefore win more meets." The most consistent runner on the team was Tricia Molina. As Coach Shirley put it, "Tricia Molina was our best runner by far. She always came in a minute or a minute and a half ahead of her next teammate."

The boys frosh/soph team didn't have very many meets because several of the competing schools were not able to raise a team. However, the frosh/soph won the official meets in which they participated. Los Altos beat Wilson, Walnut and Edgewood. The team's most consistent runners were Steve Baldridge, Mike Miranda and Ricky Aguilar. Steve Baldridge later moved up to the varsity team.

"If more girls came out we could win more meets."
COACH SHIRLEY

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

28	Los Altos	Wilson	—
28	Los Altos	Walnut	31
31	Los Altos	Edgewood	24
36	Los Altos	Rowland	19
19	Los Altos	West Covina	—

FROSH/SOPH CROSS COUNTRY

17	Los Altos	Wilson	38
17	Los Altos	Walnut	—
26	Los Altos	Edgewood	29
—	Los Altos	Rowland	—
23	Los Altos	West Covina	—

Keeping a fast pace, Tricia Molina pulls away from opposing runners. Tricia was the team's most consistent runner.

VOLLEYBALL

Only A Small Problem

"The other team should be arriving any moment now" a whisper rippled through the crowd. Fans clambered up, filling the bleachers while the Los Altos girls warmed up. It was the first home game, and the crowd was ready for some good volleyball.

As L.A. began their final drill, the opposing players entered into the gym. Immediately, most of the crowd fell silent. Only our team continued on, unaffected by the new presence. They already knew what the fans just realized. The opponents towered over the Los Altos girls. If the Conquerors were determined to be the overpowering giants, it had to be through performance, because they'd already lost the advantage of size. Consistent superior skill was the key to victory, and the team met the challenge.

As player Lisa Smith said, "This was probably the shortest team Los Altos has ever had. But when we came to taller teams like Wilson and Walnut, our size didn't seem to make a difference at all." The team did do well considering their size, finishing third in Sierra League.

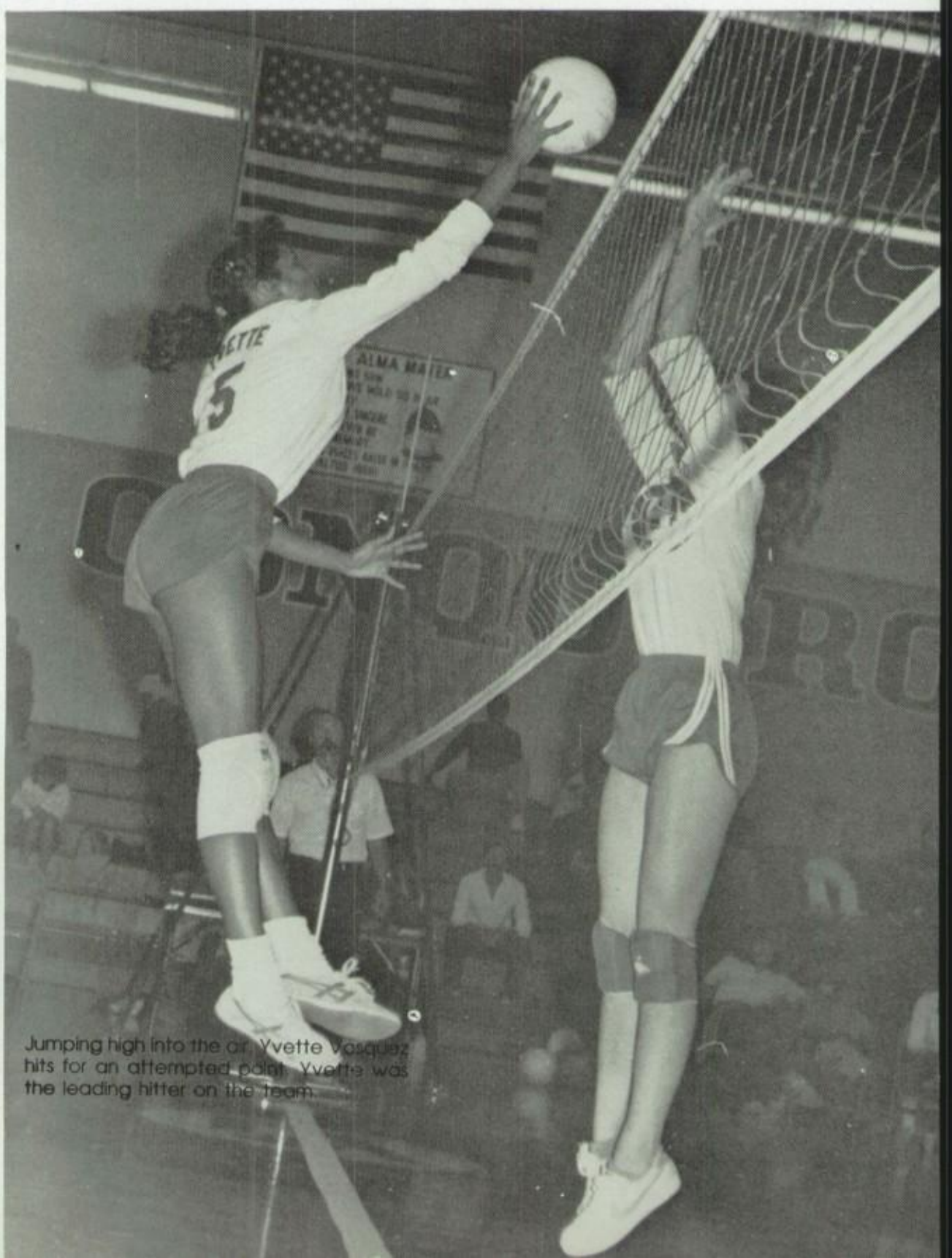
The team's success was shared by the new coach, Terry Orabona. Miss Orabona, hearing about the opening here at Los Altos, decided to take the job, bringing with her years of playing and coaching experience. She said at the beginning of the year, "They're going to C.I.F." And that's what they did. Her confidence in the team, regardless of their "small" disadvantage, was rewarded.

They were a skilled team, one of the most skilled in the league, yet displaying spirit and thorough enjoyment of the competition during the entire season. As Yvette Vasquez said, "Good things come in small packages." That must hold for volleyball players too.

"Good things come in small packages."
YVETTE VASQUEZ

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

3	Los Altos	Edgewood	0
1	Los Altos	Walnut	3
0	Los Altos	Rowland	3
3	Los Altos	West Covina	0
3	Los Altos	Wilson	2
3	Los Altos	Edgewood	0
3	Los Altos	Walnut	0
0	Los Altos	Rowland	3
3	Los Altos	West Covina	1
0	Los Altos	Wilson	3



Jumping high into the air, Yvette Vasquez hits for an attempted point. Yvette was the leading hitter on the team.

During a break, the team gathers around the coach for some instruction. The coach must observe the techniques of the other team and play her team accordingly.

With eyes on the ball, Carole Herle prepares herself mentally and physically for the oncoming serve. Carole was the team's number one, all-around player.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL **Front Row:** Lydia Hearn, Coach Orabona, Debbie Hearn. **Second Row:** Cindy Figueroa, Lisa Smith, Carole Herle. **Back Row:** Theresa Leets, Kim Towler, Sandy Escalante. **Not Pictured:** Yvette Vasquez.

In her first year of varsity, Theresa Leets dives to keep the ball in play. Only a sophomore, Theresa has two more excellent years to contribute to the team.

Tossing the ball, Lydia Hearn winds up for the serve. Having a good serve is a bonus and adds an advantage to an already strong team.

VOLLEYBALL

◗ JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL. **Front Row:** Donna Lawrence, Coach Lespron, Cathy Herle. **Second Row:** Teddy Garcia, Irene Huh. **Third Row:** Sharlyn Francis, Roxanne Garcia, Estella Sanchez. **Back Row:** Cindy Cole, Gina Martinez, Carol Laguzad, Jackie Garcia.

◗ Keeping her eye on the ball, Nancy Hernandez bumps the ball to the setter. Bumping, an important technique, starts the team on offense.

◗ With good form as a server, Nancy McCallick puts the ball in play. Serving the ball can be difficult for girls during their first year playing volleyball.

◗ FROSH/SOPH VOLLEYBALL. **Front Row:** Roberta Jauregui, Stephanie Kinjo, Nancy Hernandez, Laura Kilgore. **Second Row:** Yvonne Ramirez, Alisa Azpeitia, Patty McCallick, Violet Saucedo, Doris Quesada, Toki Lee. **Back Row:** Claudia Ferrini, Diana Ybarra, Rose McCallick, Lety Serrano, Frances Fukute, Veronica Camarena, Coach Meyers.

◗ A good pass can set up a good offensive play. Roberta Jauregui passes the ball to a teammate.

Not All Was Lost

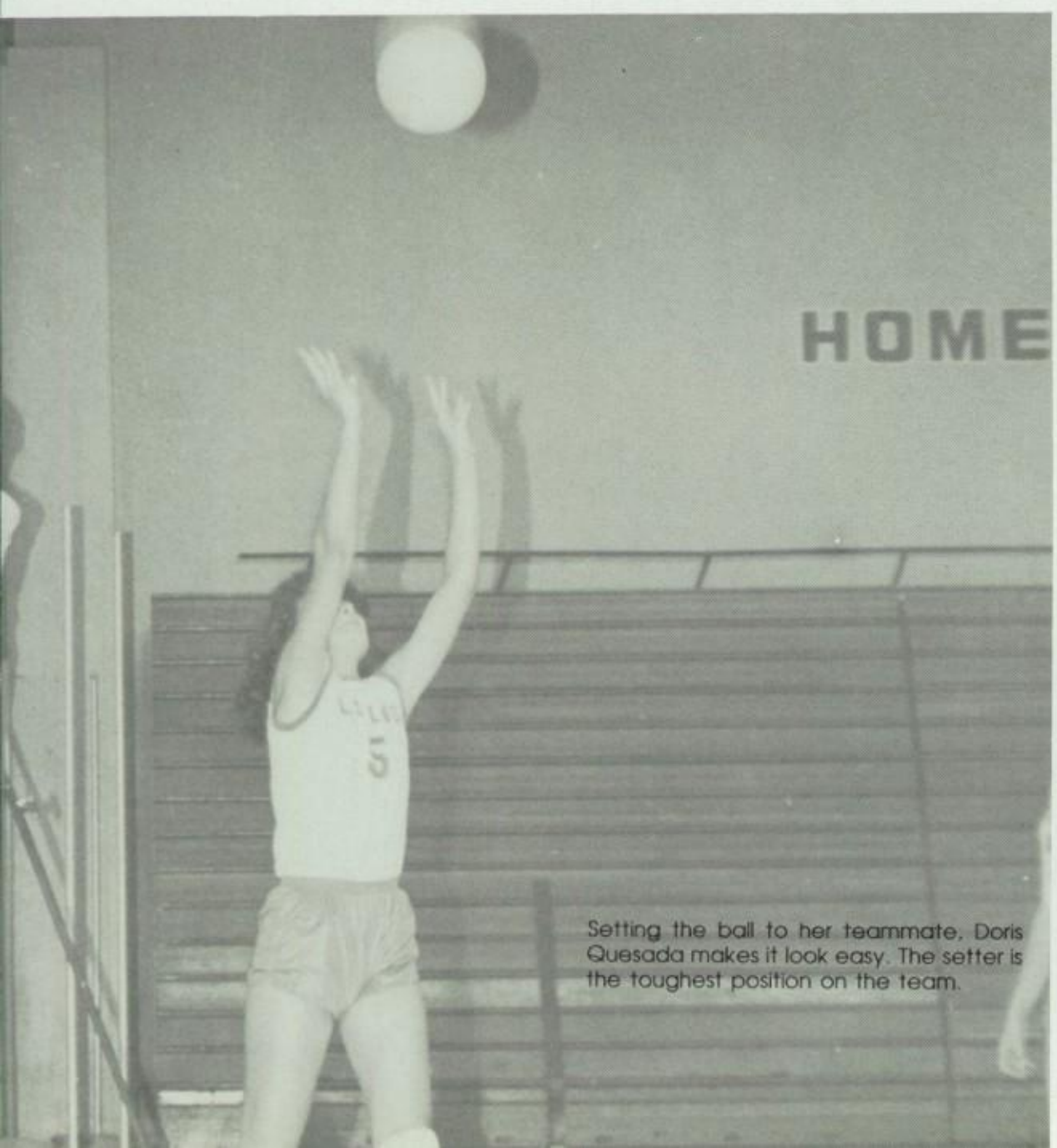
Serving up a terrific season, the girl's junior varsity team were 4-0 in league play when they went against 4-0 Wilson. Although Los Altos didn't come out victorious, they made the Wildcats sweat nervously with scores of 11-15, 15-19 and 14-16. The girls then went on to win the next four games. Down to their last game of the season, they again confronted the undefeated Wildcats. A win would mean a tie for the league championship, but a loss would drop them to second place. Though the Conqueror team gave it their best, the tie was denied them. However, a second place finish was a respectable one for a young J.V. team.

Saying that the frosh/soph team didn't win any of their games can cause misconceptions of the team's ability because many of the games were close. With a few breaks the girls might have placed third, second or even first in the Sierra League. "I feel that we didn't have a very successful season because I always tried to play everyone". Coach Meyers said, "Even though the girls didn't get to play much they took it really well. The girls gained the experience to play junior varsity and varsity next year if they stick with the program."

Coach Jean Meyers taught the young team the fundamentals of volleyball: serving, bumping, setting and spiking. Another thing that the girls got was experience. Experience which, if they stay in the girls volleyball program, they can later put to use as varsity and junior varsity players. As Frances Fukute put it, "For being first year players we really gained a lot of experience."

"I always tried to play everyone."
COACH MEYERS

There were two players on the team, who Coach Meyers and a lot of the girls thought were the most consistent and most valuable on the team. They were sophomores Doris Quesada and Roberta Jauregui.



Setting the ball to her teammate, Doris Quesada makes it look easy. The setter is the toughest position on the team.

JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

2	Los Altos	Edgewood	0
2	Los Altos	Walnut	1
2	Los Altos	Rowland	1
2	Los Altos	West Covina	0
1	Los Altos	Wilson	2
2	Los Altos	Edgewood	1
2	Los Altos	Walnut	1
2	Los Altos	Rowland	1
2	Los Altos	West Covina	0
1	Los Altos	Wilson	2

FROSH/SOPH VOLLEYBALL

—	Los Altos	Edgewood	—
1	Los Altos	Walnut	2
0	Los Altos	Rowland	2
1	Los Altos	West Covina	2
1	Los Altos	Wilson	2
—	Los Altos	Edgewood	—
1	Los Altos	Walnut	2
0	Los Altos	Rowland	2
1	Los Altos	West Covina	2
1	Los Altos	Wilson	2

TENNIS

A Smashing Season

The girls' varsity tennis team accomplished three goals they set for themselves at the beginning season. Their first goal was to defeat Walnut, defending Sierra League champions for the last six years, a goal they accomplished twice during competition. The second goal was to win the League championship again for the first time in eight years. The third goal was to go undefeated in league play. They accomplished the third goal with a 10-0 league mark, and a 16-0 overall record.

With concentration and accuracy, Maripi Dionisio proves why she is teamed with Karen Voss as the number one doubles team. Maripi and her partner destroyed Wilson with hard baseline shots 6-0, 6-1, 6-0.

Senior Debbie Jung and freshman Jolene Watanabe combined for a unblemished record of 60-0 in League play, a feat never accomplished in the Sierra League before.

They entered C.I.F. competition for the sixth consecutive year with what Ms. Hix considers, "the best all-around team I've ever coached and certainly the one with the most depth to it." To substantiate Ms. Hix's statement, Debbie Jung was selected Most Valuable Player of the Sierra League, Jolene Watanabe, Monique Richel, Karen Voss, and Maripi Dionisio all made Sierra League first team. In addition Debbie Mancino and Gayle Heimann made the Sierra League second team.

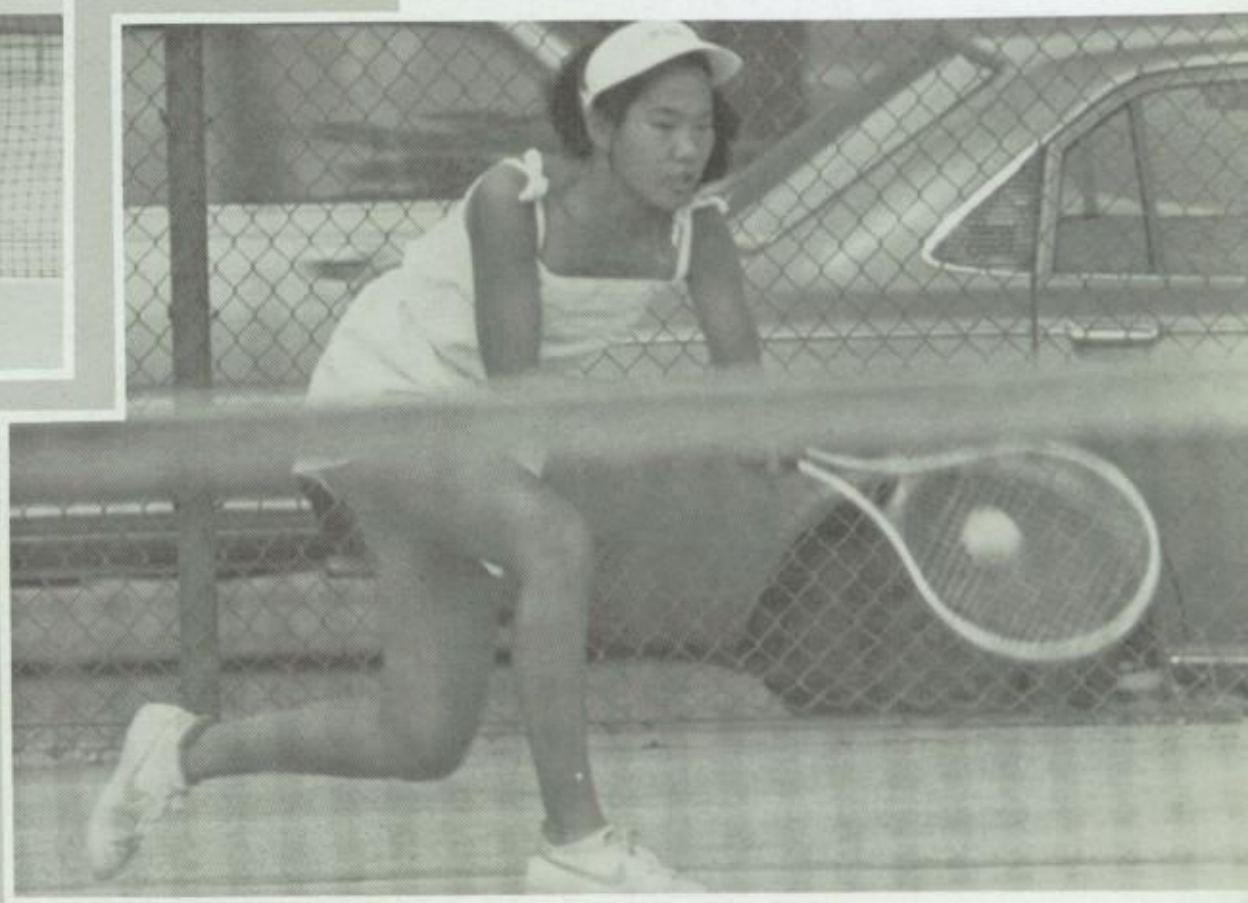
> "The best all-around team I've ever coached and certainly the one with the most depth to it."
>
> MS. HIX

Debbie and Jolene both participated in the Equitable Family Tennis Challenge held in New York. With two hundred thousand participants in six different divisions, Jolene teamed with her mother, winning the mother daughter division and Debbie Jung teamed up with brother Stuart, placing second in the mixed doubles division.

VARSITY TENNIS

17	Los Altos	Edgewood	1
11	Los Altos	Walnut	7
13	Los Altos	Rowland	5
17	Los Altos	West Covina	1
15	Los Altos	Wilson	3
14	Los Altos	Edgewood	4
12	Los Altos	Walnut	6
15	Los Altos	Rowland	3
16	Los Altos	West Covina	2
11	Los Altos	Wilson	7

◂ VARSITY GIRLS' TENNIS. **Front Row:** Debbie Jung, Jolene Watanabe. **Second Row:** Monique Richel, Kristi Mancino, Coach Hix, Gayle Heimann, Maripi Dionisio. **Back Row:** Debbie Mancino, Michelle Dobeck, Karen Voss, Ana Serrano, Rhonda Guiterrez.



▾ With fluent motion, Debbie Jung turns the ball to the opponent's baseline for a winner. Senior Debbie Jung finished the season undefeated.

◂ Playing her first year on the varsity team, Monique Richel, number three singles, proved she was quality material. Monique was noted for her powerful serves.

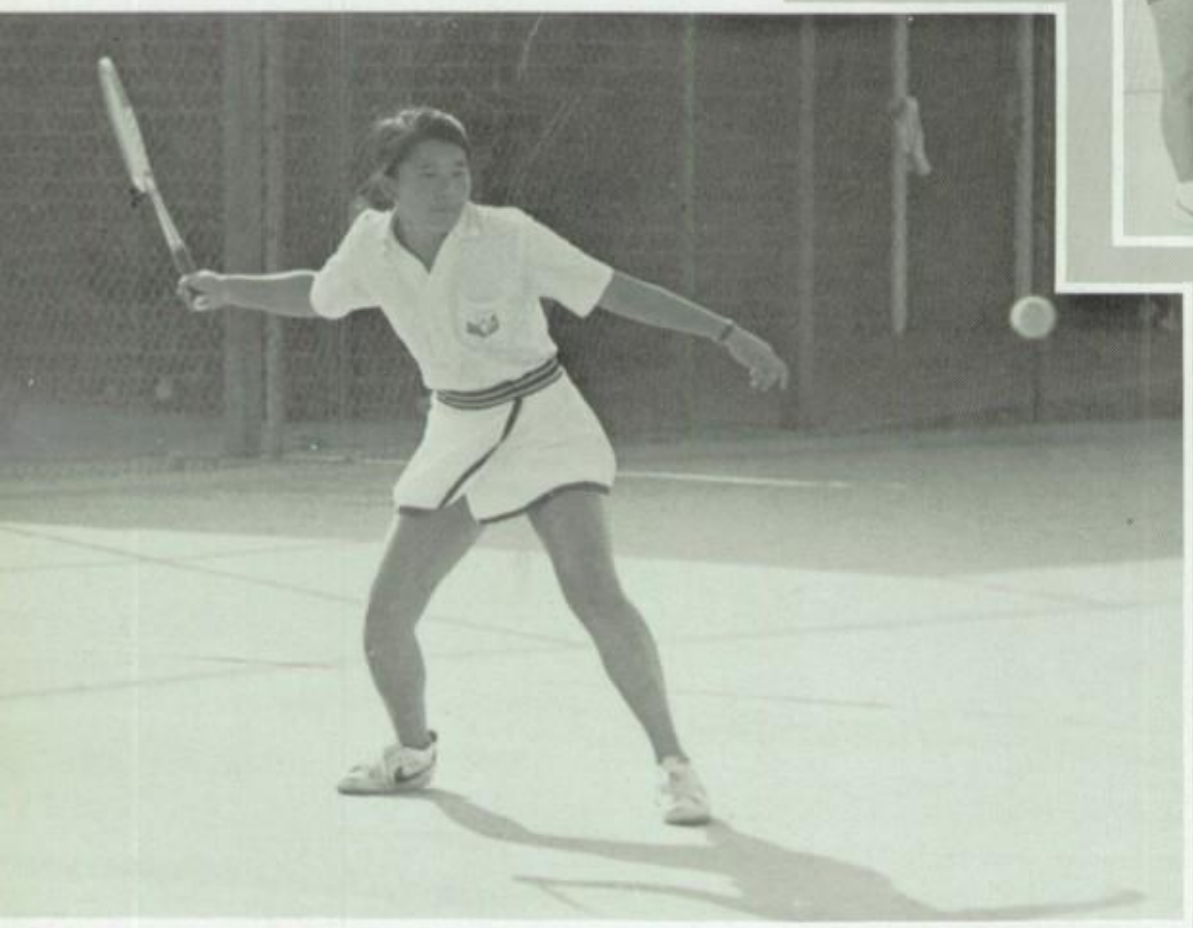
▴ Another winner at the net for Karen Voss. Karen, the number one doubles player, is at her best at the net, as Edgewood found out, 6-0, 6-0, 6-0.

◂ Jolene Watanabe strokes the ball for a winner. Jolene's all-around play enabled her to be seeded number one in the Sierra League.

TENNIS

◗ JUNIOR VARSITY TENNIS: **Front Row:** Linda Maeda, Coach Marino, Kimberly Cowley. **Second Row:** Judy Lee, Wen Hsien Cheng, Noriko Hattori, Wendy Kotani, Cindy Iwasaki, Chris Schork. **Back Row:** Carolyn Campbell, Shelli Droe, Chris Hernandez, Christie Powers, Akiko Nobunga, Michelle Lew, Janet Heimman, Nancy Ruthemeyer, Stephanie Berndt.

◗ With arm back, Wen Hsien Cheng prepares for her forehand. The forehand is often the aggressive shot.



◗ At the net, Linda Maeda puts it away for the point. Playing the net can be a vulnerable position.

◗ About to connect, Chris Schork keeps her eye on the ball. She must also have her opponent in view in the corner of her eye.

◗ Following through on her serve, Michelle Lew watches to see if her serve will be in. If the serve is good, she is well on her way to the point.

Earning And Learning

When people look at a team's history, they tend to look at that team's win-loss record. Well, with all things considered, that turns out to be only proper for a varsity team. Wins and losses do say something about the team, but not all that should be said. A junior varsity sport involves many other important factors. It is at this level where real teaching is involved. Coach Pete Marino took the raw talents of the J.V. girls' tennis team and refined their skills.

"It took us a while to really start winning like we should."
SHELLI DROE

Each practice became a workout, as they concentrated on the improvement of basic tennis skills such as backhands, forehands, serves, and net volleys. They ran through conditioning drills, like line sprints and reaction exercises. Coach Marino's ultimate goal was consistency. "Consistency wins games," said Mr. Marino. As it turned out, the J.V. team did win quite a few games, placing second in the league. "I think it's great when a team that is learning is also winning," stated Mr. Marino.

A second place finish in league was a happy way of finishing a long, tough season. The girls had it in themselves to show well. Coach Marino felt that the season was a big success and hopefully the players will be prepared to fill the gaps in the varsity team.

"Consistency is what wins games."
COACH MARINO

JUNIOR VARSITY TENNIS

Los Altos	13	Wilson	4
Los Altos	16	West Covina	2
Los Altos	5	Rowland	12
Los Altos	15	Edgewood	3
Los Altos	14	Wilson	4
Los Altos	14	West Covina	1
Los Altos	2	Rowland	16
Los Altos	15	Edgewood	3

With a look of extreme concentration, Akiko Nobunaga steps into her backhand. Backhands were just one of the many skills worked on.

BASKETBALL

Strictly Seniors

Once again, the conquerors emerged from battle victorious!On January 21 in the Los Altos gym, our varsity team re-established the athletic motto, "engage and conquer", by defeating crosstown Wilson 72-61. The closeness of the conflict was not evident in the final score.

Wilson took advantage of the slow starting Conqueror varsity and built up an early lead. The contest was physical and Mike Smith had to be pulled out in the first period with three fouls. Matt Stark then rose to the occasion by amazing all with his featherlight touch on several outside shots. At the close of the first quarter, Smith's replacement Kevin Morgan connected on two jumpers to cut the Wildcat lead to one.

The second period was extremely close. Mike Smith re-entered the lineup and played tentatively with his three fouls. Stark continued with his excellent shooting and Jim Calderhead came through with a couple of key steals against the faster Wilson team. Los Altos capitalized and went into the lockeroom at the half leading the 'Cats 40-35.

Throughout the third quarter Wilson fought hard, but they could not lessen the five point gap. The Stark/Smith show continued, and at the end of the third period Los Altos had expanded its lead to 55-47. Wilson came within four points of the Conquerors during the final segment. However, their effort was token and the mighty Conquerors won one for the home crowd. Stark and Smith finished with 24 and 25 points respectively.

This win increased the varsity lead to 5-0 in Sierra League play. The next game pitted the varsity against the Edgewood Trojans. No doubt was left as to victor in this contest as Los Altos won 67 to 34. Being heavy favorites to win the Sierra League title, Los Altos' seniors hoped to exit as CIF champions.

This season's team was made up totally of seniors. For all, it was the last chance to win a CIF Basketball Championship. For many, it was their last year playing organized basketball. Few left with basketball in their futures, but all have the memories of their final season.

VARSITY BASKETBALL

47	Los Altos	Alhambra	49
51	Los Altos	Whittier	50
54	Los Altos	Royal	57
53	Los Altos	Hoover (Glendale)	79
80	Los Altos	Kalani	58
51	Los Altos	Clark	78
72	Los Altos	Glendora	65
59	Los Altos	North	56
68	Los Altos	Downey	66
51	Los Altos	Crescenta Valley	43
53	Los Altos	Carson	49
69	Los Altos	Morningside	57
57	Los Altos	Bishop Amat	65
61	Los Altos	Edison	53
73	Los Altos	Edgewood	53
55	Los Altos	Walnut	42
68	Los Altos	Rowland	63
70	Los Altos	West Covina	50
72	Los Altos	Wilson	61
67	Los Altos	Edgewood	34
58	Los Altos	Walnut	39
64	Los Altos	Rowland	48
96	Los Altos	West Covina	66
77	Los Altos	Wilson	71

Mike Smith goes up for an easy two points. Just in case, Kevin Morgan fights position for a possible rebound.

◂ VARSITY. **Front Row:** Jay, George Torres, Chris Delgadillo, A.C. **Back Row:** Coach Rockwood, Tim Flink, Jim Calderhead, Andre Guardi, Matt Stark, Mike Smith, Daren Davis, Kevin Morgan, Chris Koches, Al Lino, Coach Holbrook.

▾ Mike Smith fights for the defensive rebound. Being physical is necessary to control the boards.

◂ Driving the lane, Jim Calderhead goes up for the shot, but instead passes to Mike Smith. Jim successfully used this ploy several times a game.

▴ Matt Stark does not budge an inch. The physical "Stark" basketball resembles professional ball more so than high school ball.

◂ Following the ball off the rim, Kevin Morgan wants the rebound. Aggressiveness is a necessary quality in any athlete.

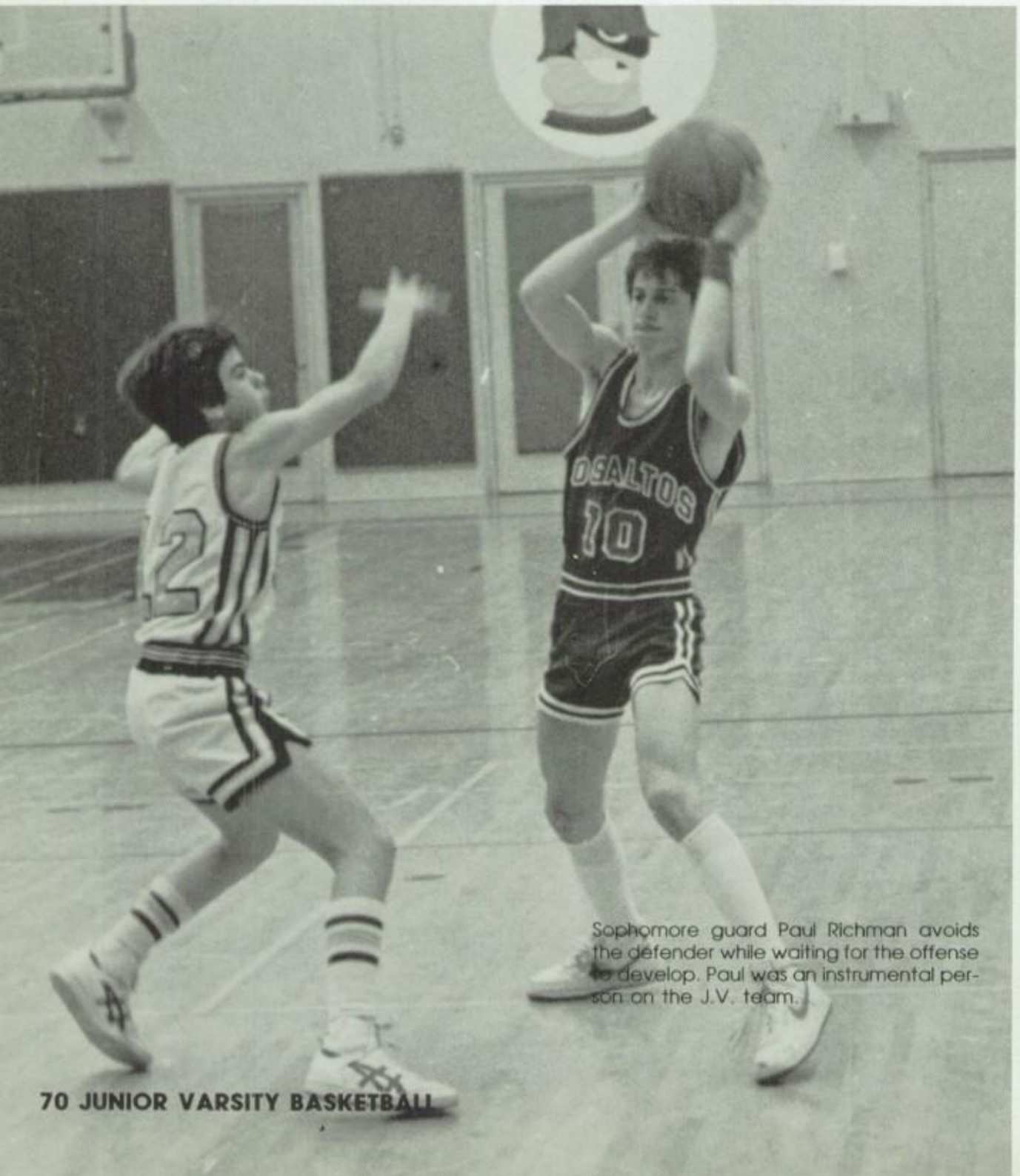
BASKETBALL

Next Step, Varsity

Junior varsity has traditionally been a team on which players prepared for varsity. This year was no exception. With only two starting juniors, they knew that a tough season lay ahead. One of the team's more talented players was sophomore Chris Martz. Chris led the team in points scored as well as in several other key statistics, half way through league. Another sophomore, Paul Richman, was the main ball handler and playmaker on the junior varsity team. He was the man who controlled the tempo of the game and was the team leader. When questioned about how these players will perform at the varsity level, coach Don Holbrook responded with confidence about their potential.

Throughout the basketball program at Los Altos, the same offense is used. This enables players to more easily make the transition from one level or sport to the next. There is also the price paid for such a luxury. Opponents can quite easily scout the Conquerors and follow players throughout the program and learn weaknesses.

The Los Altos offense involves specific patterns to be run by each player. This is done in the hope of getting someone open inside for a lay-up. There is no center in this offense. It is more like one guard and four forwards. There is one difference between varsity and the other levels, however, in a modification of this basic pattern, the ball can be brought into the play from several different spots. This essentially creates several different plays. The team's win/loss record is all one has to see to believe in this offense.



Sophomore guard Paul Richman avoids the defender while waiting for the offense to develop. Paul was an instrumental person on the J.V. team.

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

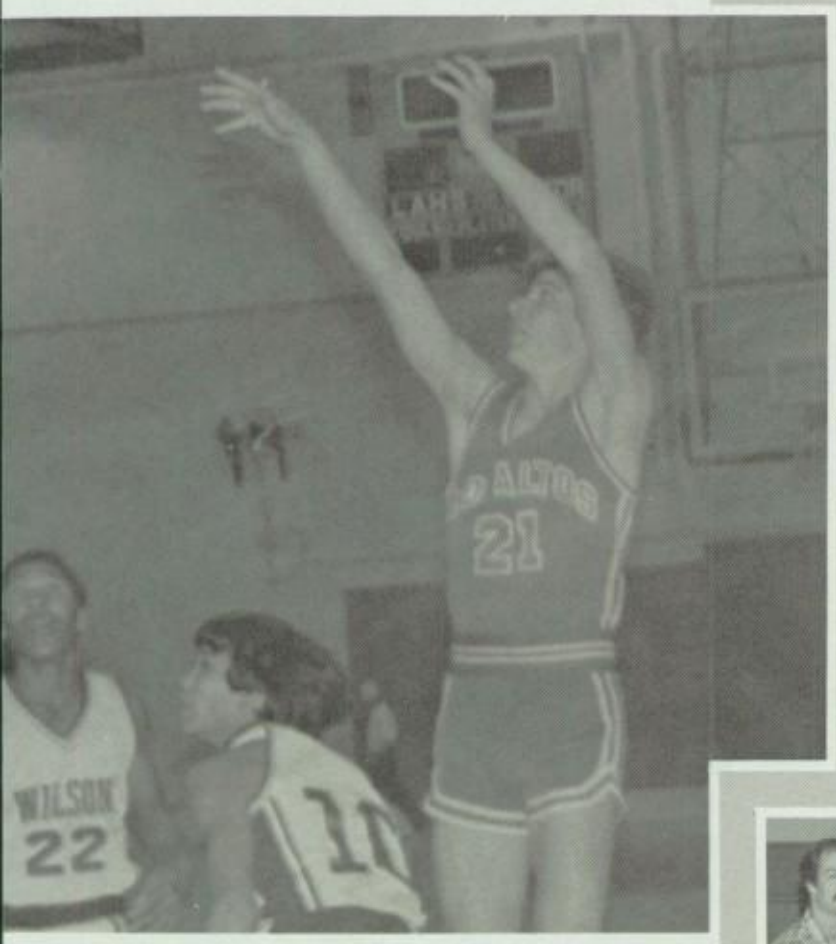
51	Los Altos	San Gabriel	49
39	Los Altos	St. Francis	42
50	Los Altos	Alhambra	45
26	Los Altos	Warren	36
52	Los Altos	Hoover	46
53	Los Altos	Bosco Tech	49
69	Los Altos	Sonora	48
64	Los Altos	Rowland	52
42	Los Altos	Glendora	60
53	Los Altos	Nogales	34
58	Los Altos	Bishop Amat	55
42	Los Altos	Edison	36
72	Los Altos	Edgewood	44
65	Los Altos	Walnut	26
58	Los Altos	Rowland	45
70	Los Altos	West Covina	36
50	Los Altos	Wilson	53
44	Los Altos	Edgewood	35
49	Los Altos	Walnut	28
64	Los Altos	Rowland	45
66	Los Altos	West Covina	54
62	Los Altos	Wilson	52

SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL

50	Los Altos	Walnut	38
55	Los Altos	Edgewood	35
42	Los Altos	West Covina	35
48	Los Altos	Wilson	50
48	Los Altos	Rowland	38
48	Los Altos	Edgewood	28
49	Los Altos	Walnut	40
44	Los Altos	Rowland	52
53	Los Altos	West Covina	43
50	Los Altos	Wilson	45

◂ JUNIOR VARSITY. **Front Row**: Jon Locke, Paul Richman, Tony Barcelo, Paul Zuniga. **Back Row**: Greg Hurd, Richard Hair, Jeff Uhlman, Stuart Mathews, Chris Martz, Alfredo Garcia, Craig Coluntuono, Coach Holbrook.

▾ Coach Holbrook discusses strategy during a timeout. Timeouts are necessary to control the tempo of the game.



◂ Richard Hair goes up with the jumper. Richard was one of only two starting juniors on the J.V. team.

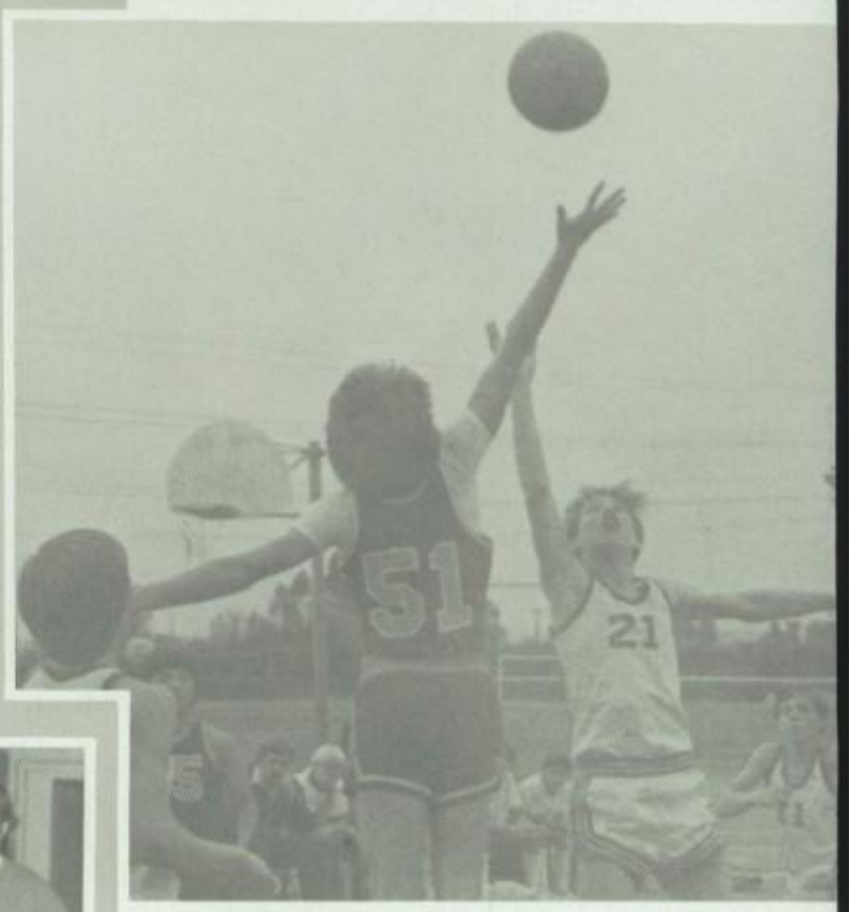
▴ SOPHOMORE. **Front Row**: Miguel Cervantes, Jim Cortes. **Back Row**: Coach Gibson, Chris Luce, Greg Gill, Robert Pitts, Greg Nolan, Jim Burnett, Jim Miller, Basil Aish.

◂ Jim Miller concentrates intensely on the ball as he plays defense. Agility as well as eye-hand coordination are required skills for basketball.

BASKETBALL

◗ FRESHMAN BASKETBALL: Dan Goble, Mark Smith, Teh-Chien Chen, Greg Parra, Scott Rice, Chris Pilato, Kevin Droe, Will Harris, Jeff Lucas, Steve Sargent, John Torres. **Not Pictured**: Coach Muscato.

◒ With all eyes on the ball, Steve Sargent shoots for the extra point. The freshman team eventually went on to beat Edgewood 68-38.



◗ Not jumping quite high enough, Tyson Smith narrowly misses the tip. The ball still might land in Los Altos' hands.

◓ FRESHMAN RESERVE BASKETBALL: **Fron Row**: Shawn Plowman, Ty Watkins, Mark Francis, Bart Hargraves, Tyson Smith. **Back Row**: Alex Grijalva, Ed Newbold, John Peart, Derek Oie, Dan Chronis, Coach Anson.

◗ Waiting in the key, Frosh Reserve player Dan Chronis positions himself for the inside pass. Patience and play-making leads to winning more games.

Trying Wasn't Enough

Undeniably everyone has a bad day. Perhaps it's a bad week, or month, or maybe year. And it doesn't just happen to people either. Sometimes it happens to groups, companies, and in this case, teams. The unfortunate victims of one of those seemingly unavoidable trends was the 1982-83 freshman boys basketball team. In the many games that started the season, they just couldn't put together many wins. The sub-.500 zone quickly engulfed them and would hold them for quite a while.

However, as everyone knows, these bad-luck phases are not permanent. Though it may seem as if they linger forever, they do end, as they did with the basketball team. They worked hard, hard enough to start winning. Their record was already in the hole, and it took quite a few victories to get out. "If it wasn't for our early season losses, our record would be quite good," said coach Jim Muscato.

Their record may have not looked too impressive, but their season **was** very positive. Coach Muscato felt that the starting five of the team will make good basketball players, with a couple of real talents shining through them all. The freshman team is a learning/training experience and it is their unrefined skills, not record, that is important.

The freshman reserve team was in a similar situation. The point of a season on a frosh reserve team is to develop the slow starters. It could happen that two people who finally end up with similar skill weren't always equal. The frosh reserve could be considered the place where the ones who get started later finally do get started.

There is one definite disadvantage in their situation, however. As most people probably know the freshman reserve team has to play outdoors. They don't get the luxury of the gym. Therefore, the weather does affect the game. If it is wet and cold on the court, the game will be much different than one played on a hot, dry day. It is something they must get used to.

The team is looked upon by many as the **lowest** level of the basketball program. However, if one thinks about it, freshmen basketball players usually only have two places to play-the freshman team and the frosh reserve. Looking at it this way, they are no longer the bottom, but instead second of two teams. That's not bad at all.

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

68	Los Altos	Edgewood	38
63	Los Altos	Walnut	55
53	Los Altos	Rowland	39
44	Los Altos	West Covina	56
51	Los Altos	Wilson	53
52	Los Altos	Edgewood	31
62	Los Altos	Walnut	42
—	Los Altos	Rowland	—
44	Los Altos	West Covina	68
55	Los Altos	Wilson	52

FRESHMAN RESERVE BASKETBALL

69	Los Altos	Edgewood	50
W	Los Altos	Walnut	L
—	Los Altos	Rowland	—
31	Los Altos	West Covina	39
31	Los Altos	Wilson	21
—	Los Altos	Edgewood	—
—	Los Altos	Walnut	—
—	Los Altos	Rowland	—
20	Los Altos	West Covina	35
55	Los Altos	Wilson	45

Lining up his shot, freshman player Steve Sargent plans for two more. Outside shooting is a good source of points.

BASKETBALL

Experienced Leader

At the beginning of the season, coaches Ted Flink and Jerry Christensen were both pleased with the girls they had picked for the varsity team. Coach Flink Said, "We have the talent but it's young talent, and it has to be molded."

Even though the girls varsity basketball team was in its rebuilding year, one of its strong points was senior Beth Reid.

Beth, three-year lettergirl and captain of the team, was the overall dominating player. She was the top scorer and rebounder averaging 14 points and over 15 rebounds per game.

> "We have the talent but it's young talent..." COACH FLINK

Being captain of the team was no easy job, but to Beth it came easily. She had great knowledge of the game, strong leadership qualities, and the ability to criticize the team in a way that helped the players.

When asked about the team, Beth said, "I'm having a lot of fun compared to last year, but I think the players should try more because I don't like to lose. I am very hopeful of next year's team."

Filling the final four starting positions were freshman Cindy Cole; sophomores Theresa Leets, Lisa Holquin, and Lydia Hearn; junior Michele Hekking; seniors Ana Dominguez, Valerie Louie, and Cindy Figueroa.

Lisa Holquin and Michelle Hekking took the pressure off Beth with their valuable scoring and rebounding. Cindy Cole donated both to offense and defense, while Theresa Leets had excellent defensive play.

GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

59	Los Altos	Edgewood	40
31	Los Altos	Walnut	61
31	Los Altos	Rowland	52
41	Los Altos	West Covina	36
42	Los Altos	Wilson	78
39	Los Altos	Edgewood	32
23	Los Altos	Walnut	61
46	Los Altos	Rowland	57
23	Los Altos	West Covina	36
36	Los Altos	Wilson	70

Cindy Cole drives past a Rowland defender for a layup. Cindy came off the bench to score seven valuable points.

◖ VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL. Cindy Figueroa, Theresa Leets, Shannon Ahhaitty, Beth Reid, Michelle Hekking, Ginnifer Gill, Cindy Cole, Lydia Hearn. Not pictured: Valerie Louie, Lisa Holguin.

◖ Trying to pass over a Rowland defender, Michele Hekking looks for an open teammate. Michele scored nine points and six assists that night.

◖ With determination, Beth Reid tries to go up for a shot over an Edgewood player. Beth scored eleven points and pulled down seventeen rebounds to pace the team to a victory over Edgewood.

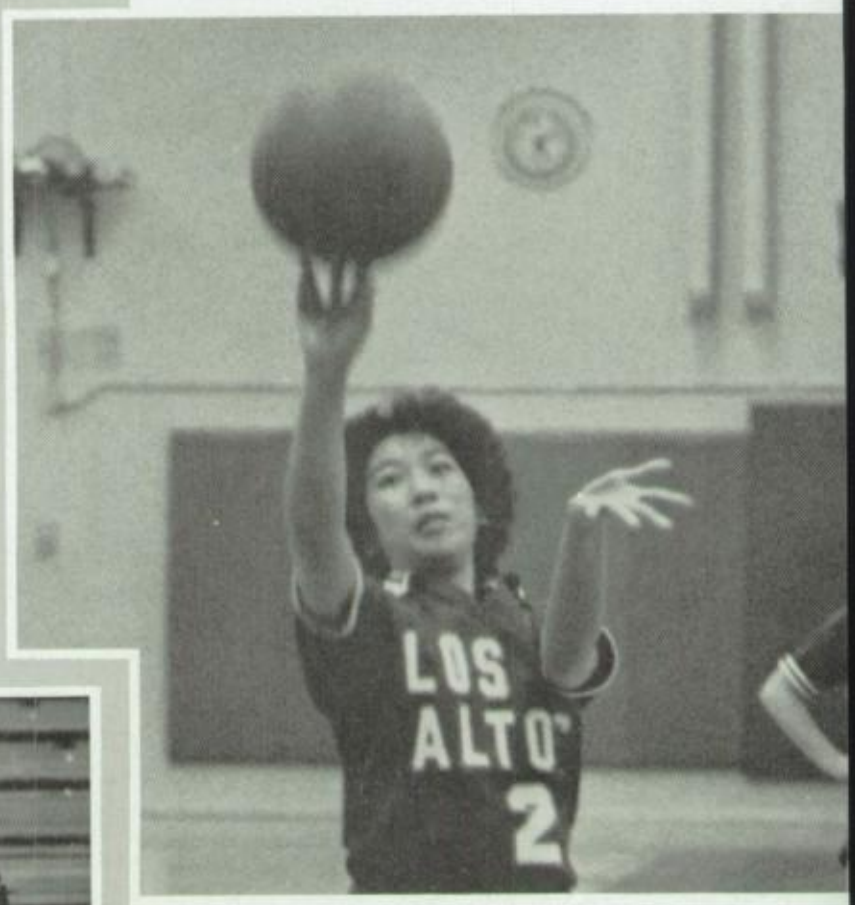
◗ Concentrating on a basket, Cindy Figueroa prepares to take a shot against Norwalk. Cindy scored fourteen points and had five assists in leading the girls to a Lady Conquerors' victory.

◖ Easily avoiding an Edgewood defender, Ana Dominguez passes to an open teammate for an easy shot. The team's overall passing assisted in beating Edgewood, 59-40.

BASKETBALL

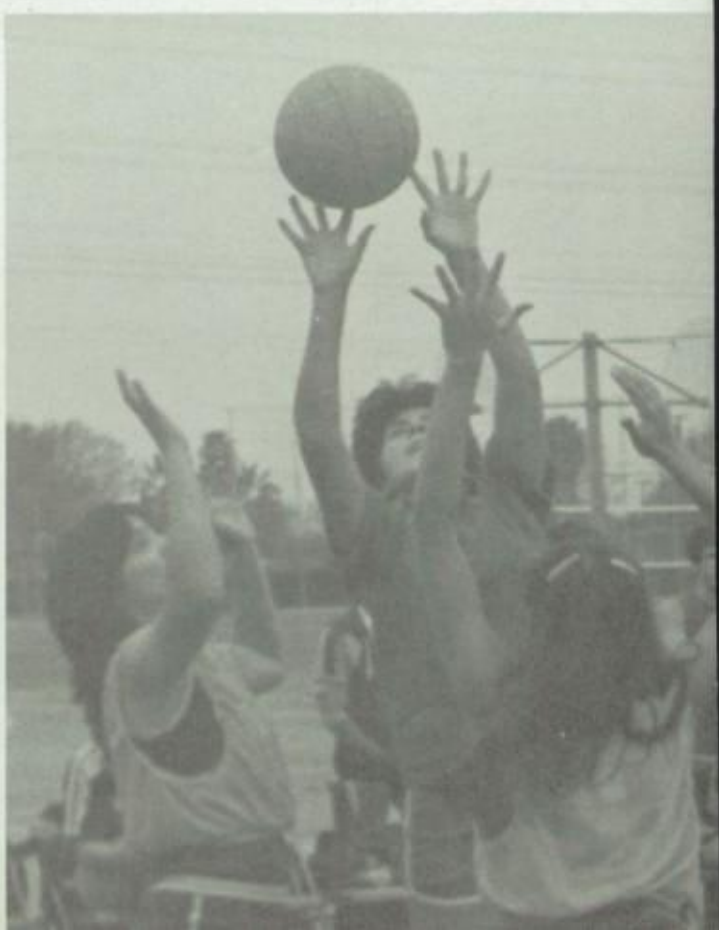
◗ JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL **Front Row**: Evelyn Yuen, Mia Beck, Frances Fukute, Debbie Auerbach, Jane Tsuei, Melanie Goble. **Back Row**: Coach Thompson, Jennifer Morgan, Gretchen Myers, Lydia Natividad, Guyanna Gill, Lisa Zambrano, Coach Calton.

◗ During a quick time-out, Coach Aria gives his team further instructions. His observations can result in a change in plans.



◗ With eyes on the basket, junior varsity player Frances Fukute aims to help the team. Frances was a very good outside shooter for the team.

◗ FROSH/SOPH BASKETBALL **Front Row**: Leslie Easton, Teddy Garcia, Sue Kozak. **Second Row**: Amie Robinson, Rose Trerino, Stacy Mohar, Valorie Villanuera. **Back Row**: Jennifer Grubaugh, Teri Gomez, Maria Ramirez.



◗ Reaching for the rebound, Teri Gomez out jumps her opponents. Rebounding is a very important aspect of both offense and defense.

A Complete Team

Under the skillful coaching of Dennis Thompson and Tracy Calton, the junior varsity girls basketball team showed tremendous improvement from the previous year. They doubled in overall wins, gained competitive experience, and learned numerous new skills.

A few players were asked about their feelings toward their new coahces. "I think they are the grestest coaches," said Mia Beck. She continued, "I improved on my basics and learned a lot of new skills and drills this season." "They're really cool and I learned a lot from both of them," added Lydia Natividad.

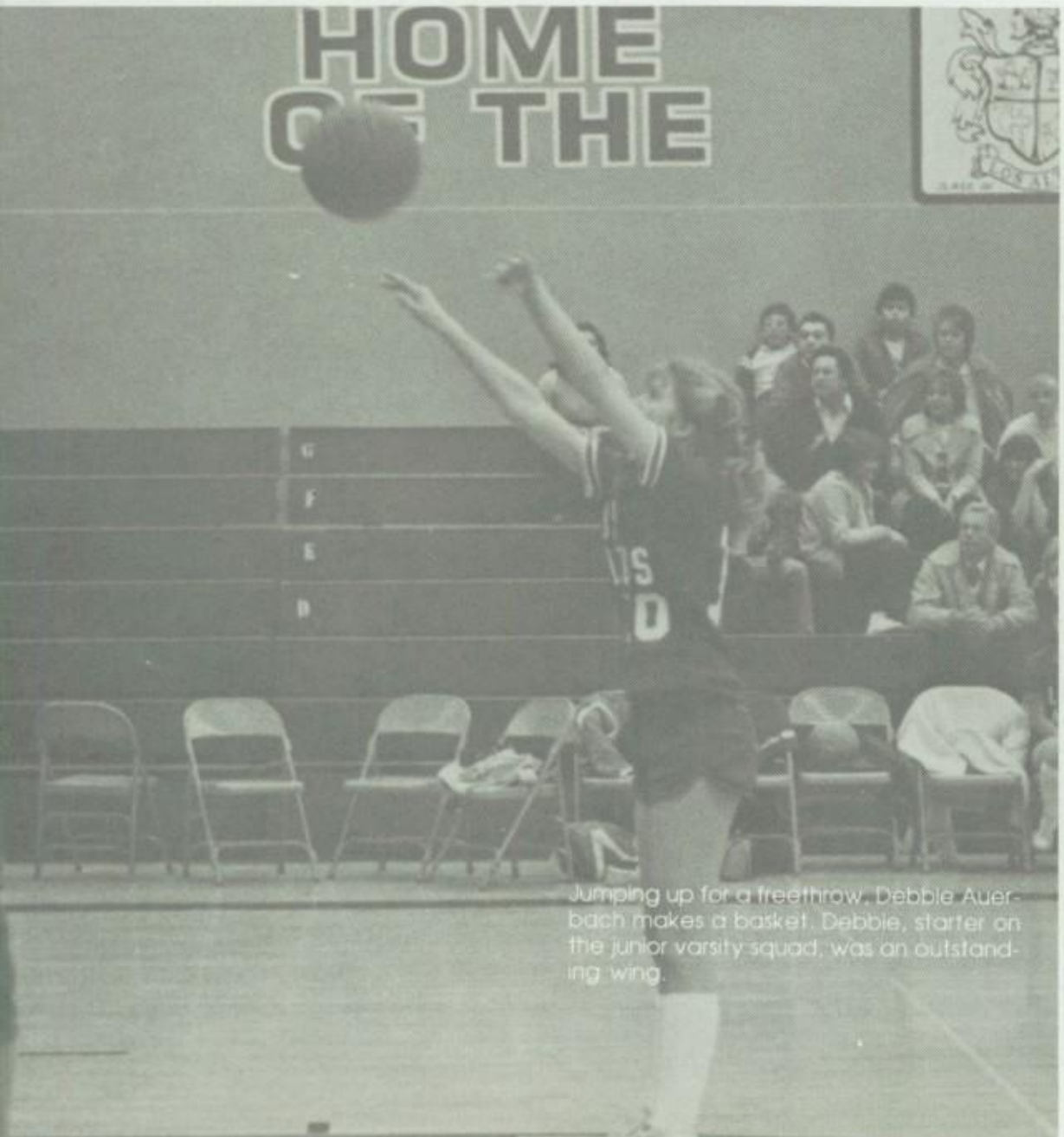
Both Dennis and Tracy enjoyed coaching because of the sense of satisfaction that they received after helping their players. They also enjoyed the girls' ability to learn and do whatever they were told. Throughout the season they tried to improve the team by teaching fundamentals and breaking bad habits, as well as by giving the players needed game experience.

When asked about the difference between coaching girls from guys, head coach Thompson answered, "I don't have to worry about the selfishness as much with girls as with boys. Also, when I coached boys, I never worried about them crying or breaking their bra straps." Said Tracy Calton, "Girls are definitely more coachable. They listen 100% more than guys do because the guys think they already know everything."

One of the strengths of the junior varsity team was the cohesiveness of the players. They blended well into a team. Point guard Mia Beck was an outstanding dribbler and passer and drove well to the basket. Guard Frances Fukute had a dependable baseline shot and was always diving for loose balls. Forwards Lydia Natividad and Gretchen Myers hit the boards well and gained many rebounds and out-let passes, and both executed smooth bankshots. Guard Debbie Auerbach displayed good inside passes and outside shots.

The starters were backed up by their valuable sixth person Tammy Peoples and their bench which included Lisa Zambrano, Guyanna Gill, Jennifer Morgan, Evelyn Yuen, Gina Hansen, Jane Tsuei, and Melanie Goble.

Due to the valuable experience and improvement this year, these girls will be a great asset to next year's girls basketball program.



Jumping up for a freethrow, Debbie Auerbach makes a basket. Debbie, starter on the junior varsity squad, was an outstanding wing.

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

38	Los Altos	Edgewood	13
16	Los Altos	Walnut	58
45	Los Altos	Rowland	37
36	Los Altos	West Covina	19
32	Los Altos	Wilson	33
19	Los Altos	Edgewood	17
14	Los Altos	Walnut	53
43	Los Altos	Rowland	31
40	Los Altos	West Covina	36
25	Los Altos	Wilson	40

FROSH/SOPH BASKETBALL

8	Los Altos	Covina	12
13	Los Altos	Rowland	15
4	Los Altos	Wilson	37
10	Los Altos	St. Lucy	35
10	Los Altos	La Puente	35
10	Los Altos	Nogales	30

SOCCER

Wait 'Till Next Time

The biggest game of the season for the soccer team is the one against cross-town rival Wilson. This year was no exception. The players and Coach LaSala spent a whole week preparing for this game. Weather-wise, however, it was probably the worst week of the season. It had rained the previous weekend, and the forecast for that Monday was rain. But the players wanted to practice even if it did rain, so practice they did. They felt the practice valuable because they realized they might have to play under similar conditions come game day Thursday. Tuesday and Wednesday the field was muddy, but all of the players were out there practicing, giving their 110%. The weather again became a problem. A 100% chance of rain had been forecast, and sure enough it rained without let-up all day Thursday. Coach LaSala and the team waited for the call from Wilson to see if the contest was still on. The Wilson coach decided to postpone the game to Monday, right before L.A. was scheduled to play undefeated Walnut.

The player reaction toward the Wilson game was a very positive one. As Russ Kline put it, "I don't care if we lose every other game this season, as long as we beat Wilson." Everyone else on the team felt the same. The players didn't want to let Wilson off the hook this year. Last year the Conquerors tied Wilson twice at 1 goal, but this year, the players vowed, would be different. They were going to go on the field and kill Wilson.

Monday dawned, the day the team had been waiting for all season long. Everything that had happened in the past was put aside for this game: all previous scores, all past games, everything, because the rivalry between Los Altos and Wilson in soccer is the fiercest rivalry there is. The short bus ride was a quiet one. Everyone was thinking about the important part he had to play. Finally, there stood the Conquerors on the Wilson field, ready to play and win. But it wasn't meant to be. The opportunities were there for Los Altos, but when it came down to finish off a play and putting the ball into the goal, the Conquerors just could not capitalize. The defense, led by Russ Kline and John Hernandez, played a brilliant game, as they had throughout the season, and shut Wilson out. When the final whistle blew, the scoreboard showed a scoreless tie, and the Conquerors and Wilson had tied for the third straight time. When it was all over, a chant was heard from the Los Altos players: "Wait 'till we play em on our field."

Taking a free kick, Russ Kline gets the ball past midfield. Russ was an important factor in the Conquerors' winning season.

VARSITY SOCCER

2	Los Altos	Rowland	1
1	Los Altos	Edgewood	1
5	Los Altos	West Covina	1
0	Los Altos	Wilson	0
1	Los Altos	Walnut	3
4	Los Altos	Rowland	2
4	Los Altos	Edgewood	2
4	Los Altos	West Covina	1
4	Los Altos	Wilson	3
0	Los Altos	Walnut	3

◂ VARSITY SOCCER. **Front Row**: Rick Uribe, Paul Pontrelli, John Hernandez, Nam Huh, Mike Thompson, Rick Boden, Mark Iriarte, Coach LaSala. **Back Row**: Ricky Gerger, Ed Pollard, Mike Uzes, Jim Vasquez, Russ Kline, Larry Crandall, Rick Dorsey, Pedro Rios, Sergio Silva, Gary Crandall.

▾ With ball control, Rick Uribe moves the ball downfield. Rick helped beat Whittier 2-0 by assisting the first goal.

◂ Getting way above his opponent, Mark Iriarte heads the ball. Having this leaping ability helped Mark score a lot of goals.

◂ Diving for the ball, Gary Crandall saves a goal. Gary was Los Altos' only goalie.

◂ Sliding, Nam Huh tackles the ball away from his opponent. Fine defensive play like this, helped the Conquerors to have a winning season.

SOCCER

◗ FROSH/SOPH SOCCER. Front Row: Manuel Flores, Henry Guerrero, Jerry DeFranco, Joe Gonzales, Saiid Pourian, Alex Ulloa, Russel Lopez. Back Row: Maureen Campbell, Aaron Merrill, Mike Rickett, Mark Shroder, Rupert Pollard, David Semmer, Rene Magana, Coach Huff.

◒ Using the opposing player, Larry Crandall keeps the ball from entering his territory. Larry was an important factor in the league's number one defense.

◗ Leaping up to head the ball, Paul Pontrelli passes it to Ricky Gerger. Plays like these ignited the Conqueror offense.

◓ Breaking away, Rick Boden is preparing to center the ball. By centering the ball up front Los Altos scored a lot of goals.

◗ Beating the opposing player to the ball, Mike Thompson heads it. Hustle like this is what distinguished the good players from the bad ones.

Fighting The Jinx.

There were many factors that plagued this year's frosh/soph team. First of all, five of their players were moved up to varsity because three players quit and a couple more were forced to leave the varsity team. These were the main factors for the team's losing season. When Coach Huff was asked to describe his feelings when this happened, he replied "I really didn't approve of Coach LaSala's decision to take my players, but that's what we (frosh/soph) are here for. We build up players for the varsity team."

"We build up players for the varsity team."
COACH HUFF

Another factor that hurt the team was injuries. Players pulled muscles because of improper loosening up or streching out, or they sprained ankles due to poor field conditions. Others pulled ligaments or even ripped muscles playing extra hard to help their team win.

Players tried their hardest during a game, but their attitudes at practices didn't help them. The frosh/soph players didn't take the practices seriously enough, and it goes without saying that the quality of performance in a game will follow the quality of performance at practice. I asked one of the frosh/soph players what he thought of practices and he simply said, "kickback". Unfortunately that seemed to be the attitude of too many of the players.

"Kickback"
JERRY DeFRANCO

FROSH/SOPH SOCCER

2	Los Altos	Rowland	7
2	Los Altos	Edgewood	5
2	Los Altos	West Covina	1
0	Los Altos	Wilson	1
0	Los Altos	Walnut	3
1	Los Altos	Rowland	3
5	Los Altos	Edgewood	2
1	Los Altos	West Covina	2
4	Los Altos	Wilson	2
0	Los Altos	Walnut	0

Heading the ball, Ricky Gerger passes it to his teammate. Being able to head and pass the ball at the same time is very helpful in soccer.

WRESTLING

Pinpoint The Problem

Only the watching wrestlers' faces could describe the anguish and frustration that was often felt this season. The most disheartening thing that sometimes happened was when a team member was out on the mat, wrestling an opponent, struggling to keep the advantage he had to pin the opponent down. Then, when it seemed sure he'd get a fall, the opponent pulled out of the hold, flipped our player, and pinned him down. Besides all the frustration, most wrestlers knew they had worked hard and had high hopes for our next season.

"Our wrestling team has worked hard this year, but we've had a lot if injuries and it's hurt the team a lot. Many players wrestled when they were hurt so we'd have a chance to win. There have been a lot of wrestlers who let us down and quit the team," Varsity wrestler Manuel Guzman was quoted as saying. In fact, the only returning lettermen were Jaime Mendoza, Tim Garrett, Manuel Guzman, and Eric Balmoa.

Because of the wrestling team's previous records, the varsity team was invited to a Tournament of Champions where all-state champs competed. Varsity coach technician Dan Garrett said about this tournament, "The only place we won at was the slots." However, the coaches felt that it was a good experience for the wrestlers, and so did varsity wrestler David Anderson who said, "Vegas was a good experience for all who went. We learned a lot and we had a good time. Isn't that right Jaime???"

In commenting about the Las Vegas tournament, Varsity coach Mr. Shapiro said, "The tournament was a unique experience for the guys. They got to wrestle out-of-state wrestlers and state champion caliber wrestlers."

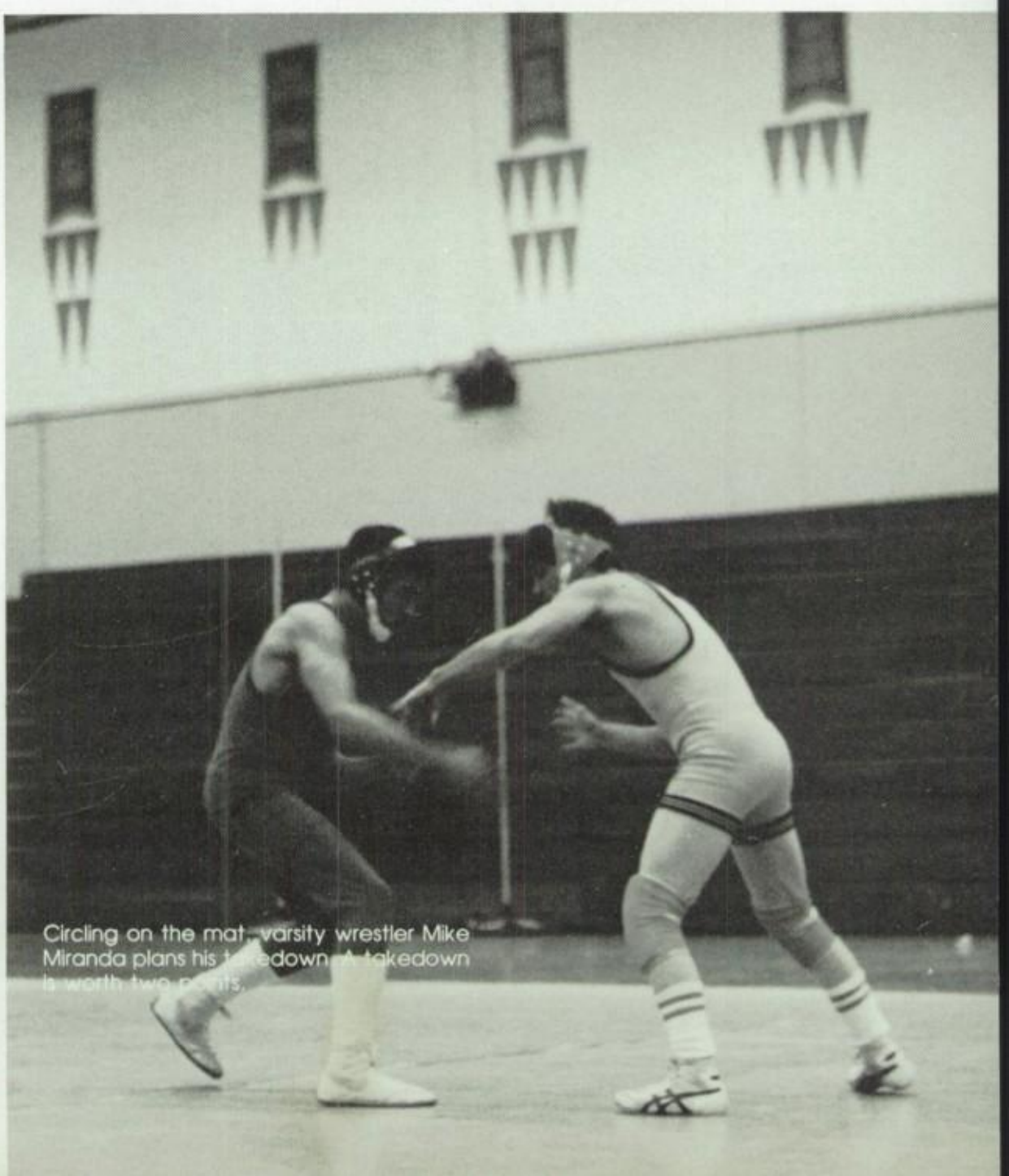
In addition to the Tournament of Champions, the varsity team also attended the Canyon Tournament. The team did really well in this tournament compared to their other matches. As individuals, they did great with four guys receiving 4th place awards. The four were Abe Miranda, Mike Miranda, Manuel Guzman and Jack Arballo. As Coach Shapiro put it, "Team-wise we did not do so great, but individually we did great."

All the coaches feel next year's star players will be Manuel Guzman, Mike Miranda, Abe Miranda, and Jaime Mendoza.

"All I can say is we tried."
JACK ARBALLO

VARSITY WRESTLING

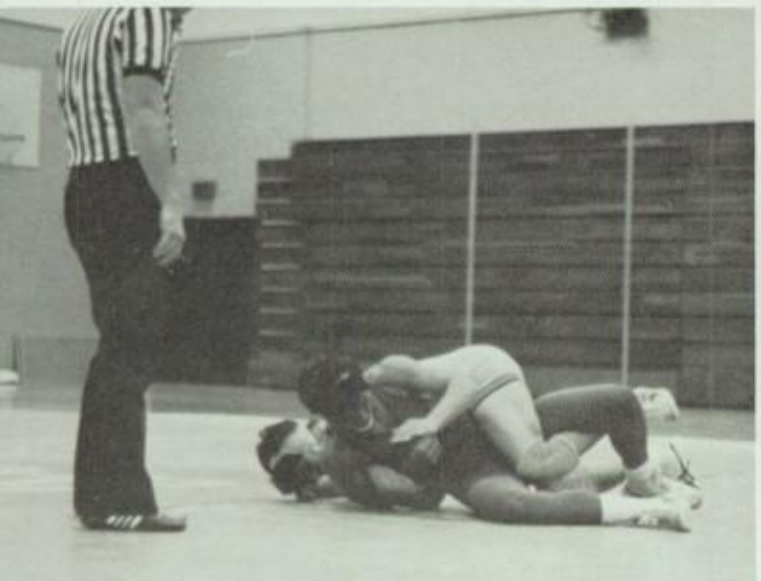
29	Los Altos	Wilson	39
0	Los Altos	Rowland	65
22	Los Altos	Walnut	45
3	Los Altos	Edgewood	61
9	Los Altos	West Covina	64

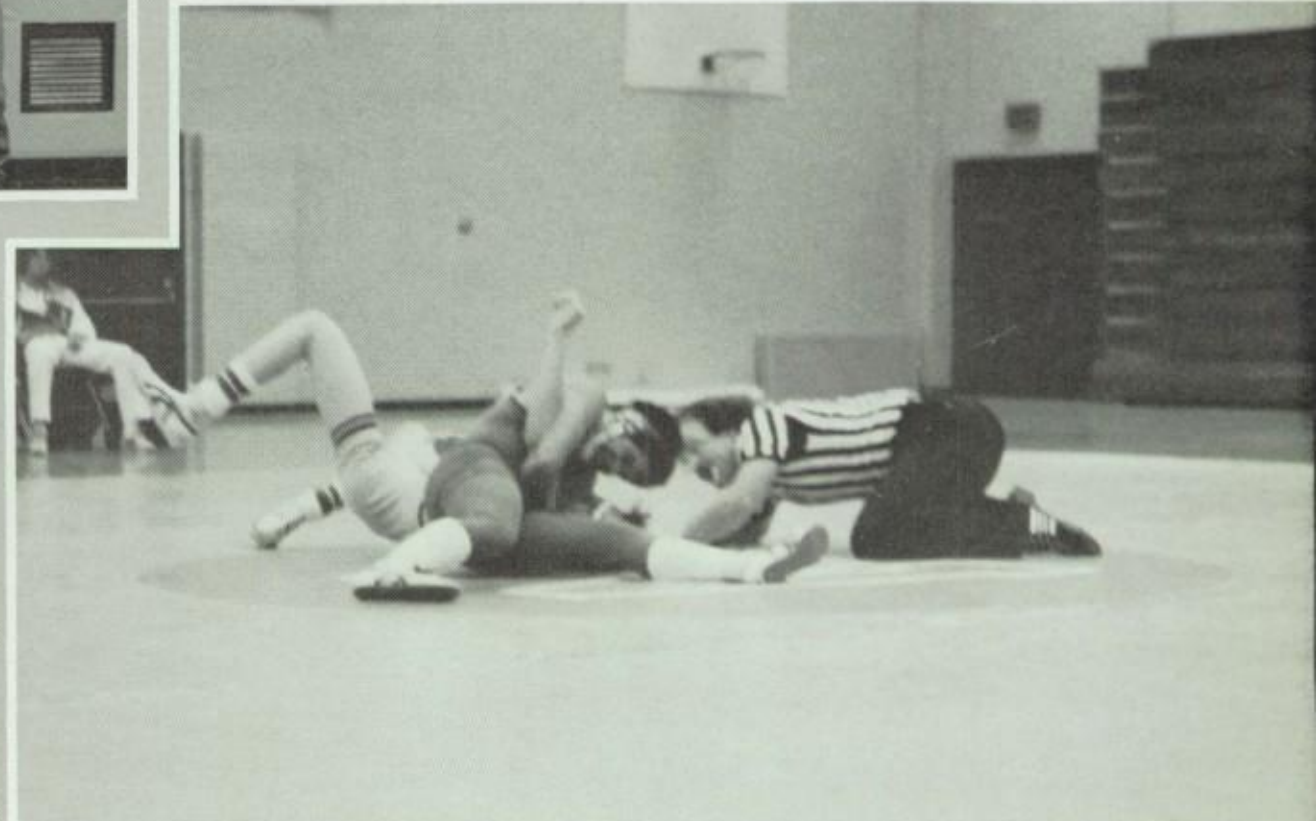


Circling on the mat, varsity wrestler Mike Miranda plans his takedown. A takedown is worth two points.

◂ VARSITY WRESTLING **Front Row**: Julius Cortez, Robby Cortez, Abe Miranda, Mike Miranda. **Second Row**: Manuel Gueman, Tim Garrett, Jaime Mendoza, Ray Herrerra. **Back Row**: Coach Shapiro, Hector Bustamonte, Chris Ochoa, Jack Arballo, David Anderson, Alex Mendoza.

▾ Locking his opponent, Ray Herrerra works to get a pin. It is a head and arm lock that Ray is using on his opponent.

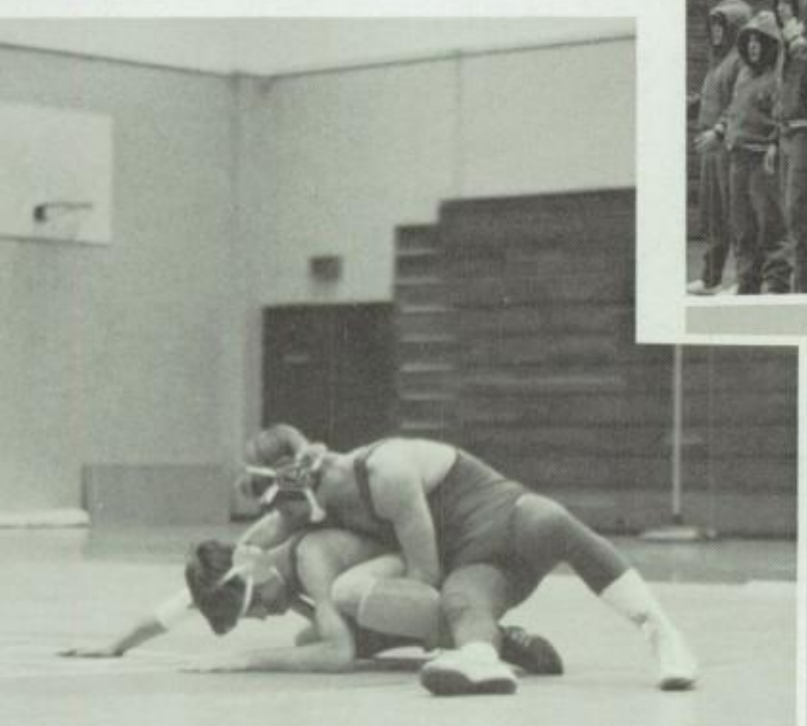




◂ Going behind his opponent, Manuel Guzman works to pick up 2 personal match points. Whichever wrestler gets more personal match points gets 3 team points.

▴ "The Big Blue Bears" is a nickname for the varsity wrestlers. Here they await the starting of the match while the announcer introduces the other team.

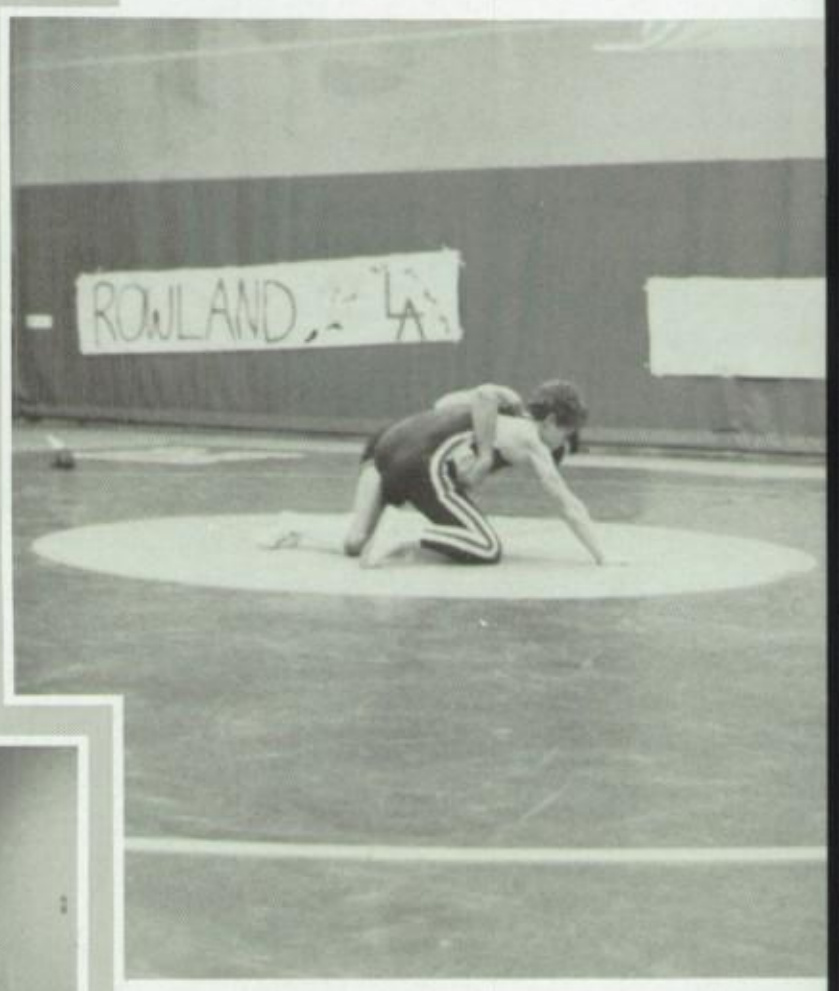
◂ Cradling his Walnut opponent, varsity wrestler Tim Garrett struggles with Walnut player Ed Bolsinger. Ed's father, Mr. Bolsinger, was Los Altos' varsity coach a few years ago.



WRESTLING

◗ JUNIOR VARSITY WRESTLING **Front Row:** Julius Cortez, Marcos Perez, Eric Balmoa, John Minnicucci, Michael Harry. **Back Row:** Coach Siegel, Mike Covel, Ronner Williams, Cesar Oliva, Steve George, Coach Twitchell.

◗ At an afterschool practice, wrestlers warm up together doing various exercises. Varsity, J.V. and frosh/soph all worked out together and "got on each other's backs" so everyone would get the most out of practice.



◗ At the beginning of his match, John Minnicucci is trying to stand up. A flip of a coin decides which school gets up or down starting positions.

◓ FROSH/SOPH WRESTLING **Front Row:** Eric Balmoa, David Houston, Art Verduho, Jose Flores, Julius Cortez, Ernier Lopez, Michael Harry, John Minnicucci. **Back Row:** Coach Siegel, Mike Covel, Mike Gay, Cesar Oliva, Fidel Padilla, Danny Macias, Alex Mendoza, Tony Gastello, Mike Headworth, Wayne Chattalian, Johny Williams, Coach Twitchell.

◗ A good workout is always a help for a better season. Frosh/soph player Eric Balmoa wrestles F/S player Mike Headworth.

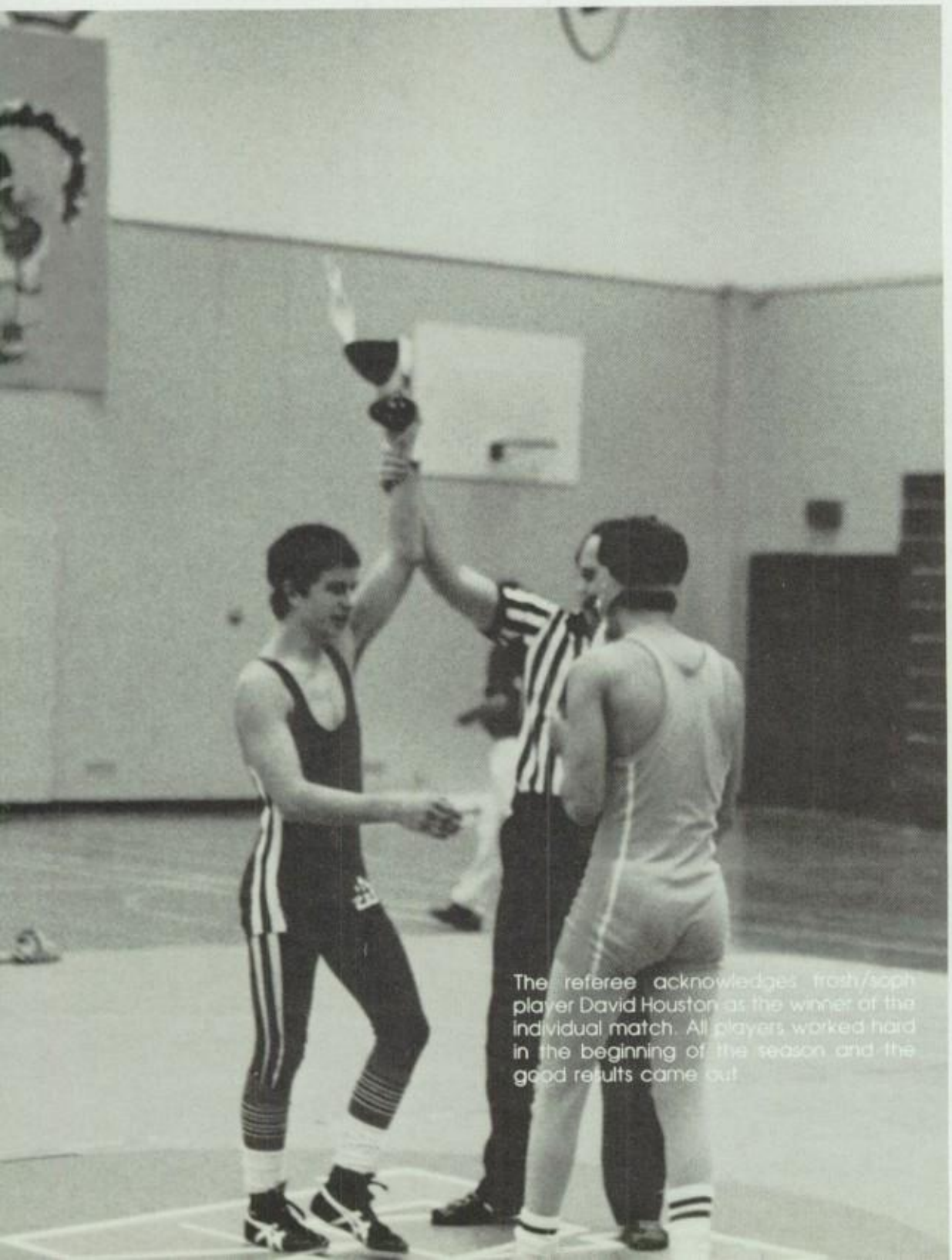
Improving With Age

The junior varsity and frosh/soph wrestling teams didn't have a spectacular season. As a matter of fact, their win/loss records were mostly losses. However, many factors brought this on and all players and coaches felt optimistic for the upcoming year. Frosh/soph coach Mr. Twitchell said, "We're a young team. This year we have had a lot of problems and the players aren't in the shape they should be in. We have had problems getting kids to come out and those who are out haven't wrestled before. Some (of the frosh/soph wrestlers) have had junior high experience but that's not enough to make us a number one team. I expect we will be 2nd or 3rd this year."

Even though the two teams didn't get extraordinary scores, all the wrestlers were getting the experience that is so vital. As the season progressed, the players each got better and everyone was expecting an excellent season next year. So, what will happen next year? If all the wrestlers work as hard as they did this year, the coaches are planning for a very successful year.

Who can be blamed for a slump year? Players? Coaches? Injuries? Many felt it was a combination of injuries, of athletes not coming out for wrestling, of last year's wrestlers quitting, and a lack of dedication. Yet, j.v. wrestler Cesar Oliva felt the team had a lot of dedication. "Everybody goes all out," Cesar said. "We get on each other's back to get each other to try harder. We encourage the guy that's on the mat whether he's winning or losing."

Despite the many problems that the j.v. and frosh/soph teams faced, they both had a certain honor and pride that could be sensed at matches and practices. Whether it was working with each other at practice or cheering at a game, all the players stuck together and improved after each match and practice. It was thrilling to see the wrestlers on the side of the mat cheering each other and standing up and clapping after each match.



The referee acknowledges frosh/soph player David Houston as the winner of the individual match. All players worked hard in the beginning of the season and the good results came out.

JUNIOR VARSITY WRESTLING

21	Los Altos	Wilson	9
2	Los Altos	Rowland	21
30	Los Altos	Walnut	36
12	Los Altos	Edgewood	56
9	Los Altos	West Covina	64

FROSH/SOPH WRESTLING

30	Los Altos	Wilson	24
26	Los Altos	Rowland	42
W	Los Altos	Walnut	For.
43	Los Altos	Edgewood	12
29	Los Altos	West Covina	35

BASEBALL

Win Brings High Hopes

Varsity baseball coach Chuck Calver began preparation for the '83 season after Christmas vacation. While other schools in the district begin in the fall, he doesn't believe that it takes more than two months to prepare a team for league.

With Matt Stark, Daren Davis, and Al Lino returning, as well as four other seniors and junior Mark Proctor, the Conquerors were rated high in pre-season CIF polls. The coaches of other teams in the league picked Los Altos as favorite.

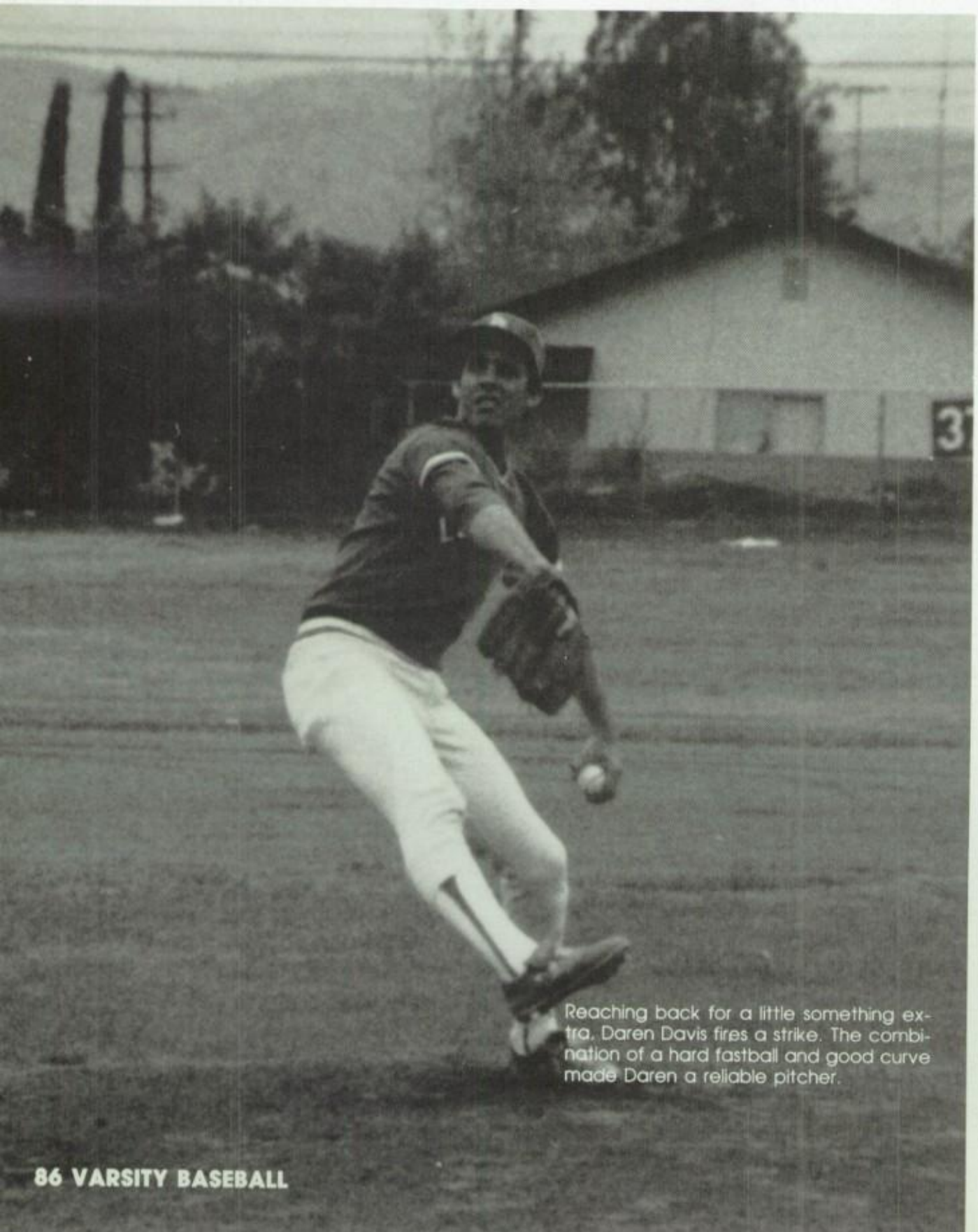
After a shaky start, a preseason record of 2 wins and 3 losses, the Conquerors jumped out to a 2-0-1 Sierra League record. Minor injuries were somewhat responsible for the slow start, with nearly half of the team complaining of sore arms. However, all of their problems were forgotten as they eagerly took on the Wildcats in the third game of the season.

Southpaw, senior Daren Davis hurled a two-hitter as the Conquerors blanked the 'Cats 11-0. This game was particularly notable because the whole team played outstanding ball. In previous games, Matt Stark and Mark Proctor had been the only ones to show prowess offensively. Matt Stark's batting average was .653 following the Wilson game. Recently, at one practice, when Stark was a few minutes late, one player jokingly questioned, "Where's the offense?" At every game, several scouts appeard to see Matt's performance.

Players all expressed hopes of having a good time this season and admitted wanting to bring another championship home to Los Altos, maybe even CIF!

"Nobody's going to run away with it (Sierra League Title)."

COACH CALVER

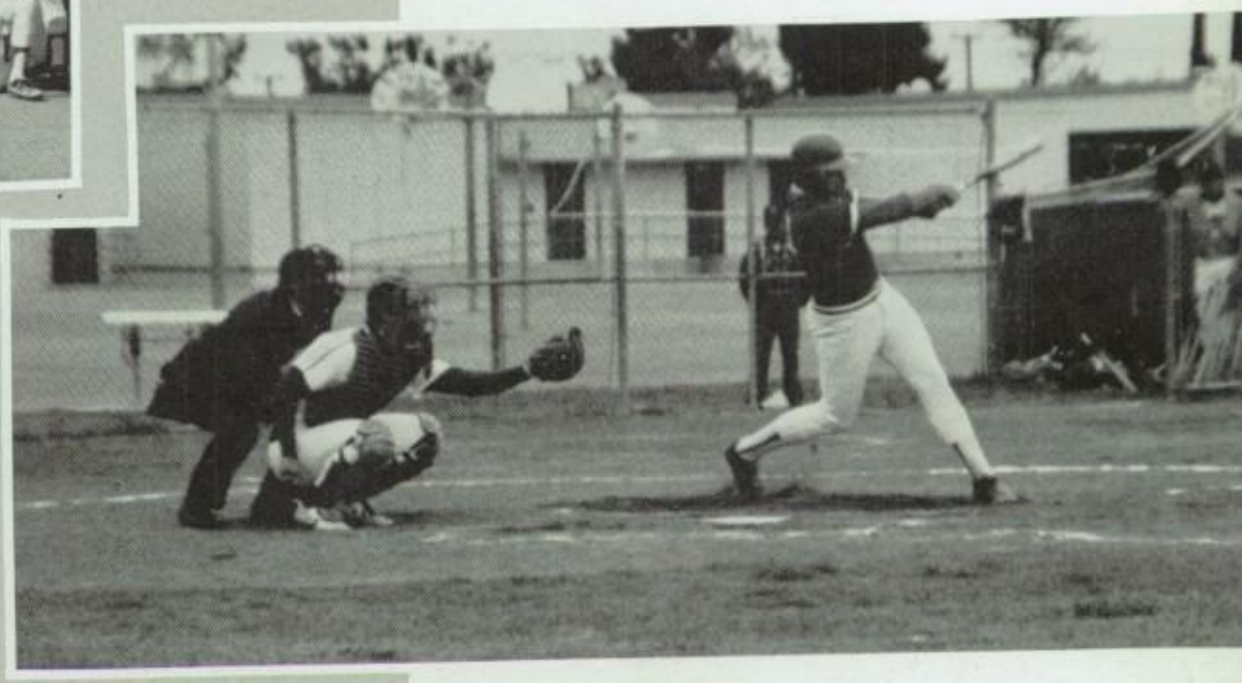


Reaching back for a little something extra, Daren Davis fires a strike. The combination of a hard fastball and good curve made Daren a reliable pitcher.

VARSITY BASEBALL

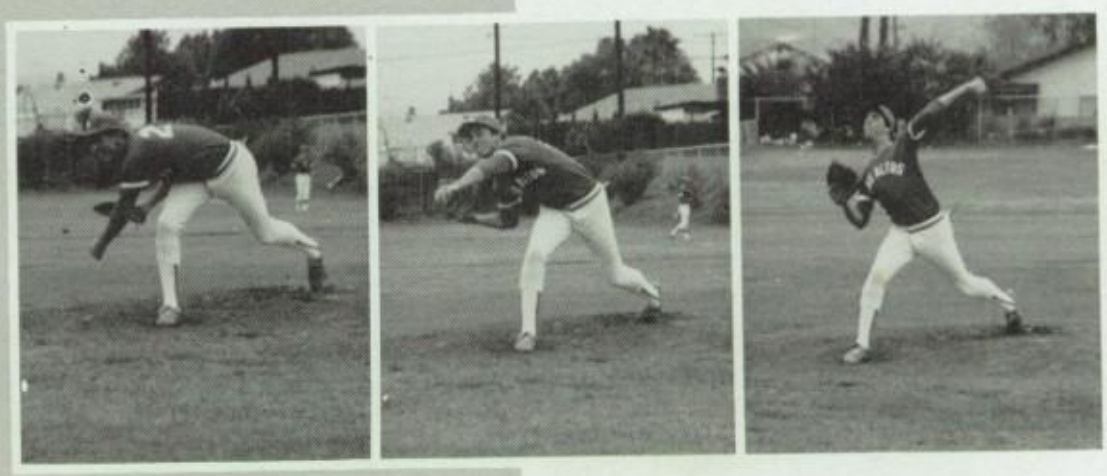
10	Los Altos	Workman	1
3	Los Altos	Workman	1
2	Los Altos	So. Hills	9
4	Los Altos	La Puente	8
5	Los Altos	La Puente	6
5	Los Altos	Edgewood	5
12	Los Altos	West Covina	9
11	Los Altos	Wilson	0
5	Los Altos	Rowland	10
9	Los Altos	Walnut	12
2	Los Altos	Edgewood	10

◂ VARSITY BASEBALL. **Front Row:** Chris Connelly, Chuck Gonzalez, Mark Proctor, Gabe Marquez, Al Lino, John Conlin, Ted Hull, Shannon Currie. **Back Row:** Val Gomez, Coach Shapiro, Bob Richardson, John Sherwood, Rob Daleo, Pat Delgadillo, Daren Davis, Matt Stark, Mario Morales, Coach Calver.



▾ The "Stark Stroke" is illustrated here as Matt Stark strides well outside of the batter's box. Stark was feared by all pitchers and was seldom thrown good fastballs.

◂ Mario Morales pulls in the pop-fly. Mario was used as a Designated-Hitter, firstbaseman, and catcher throughout the season.



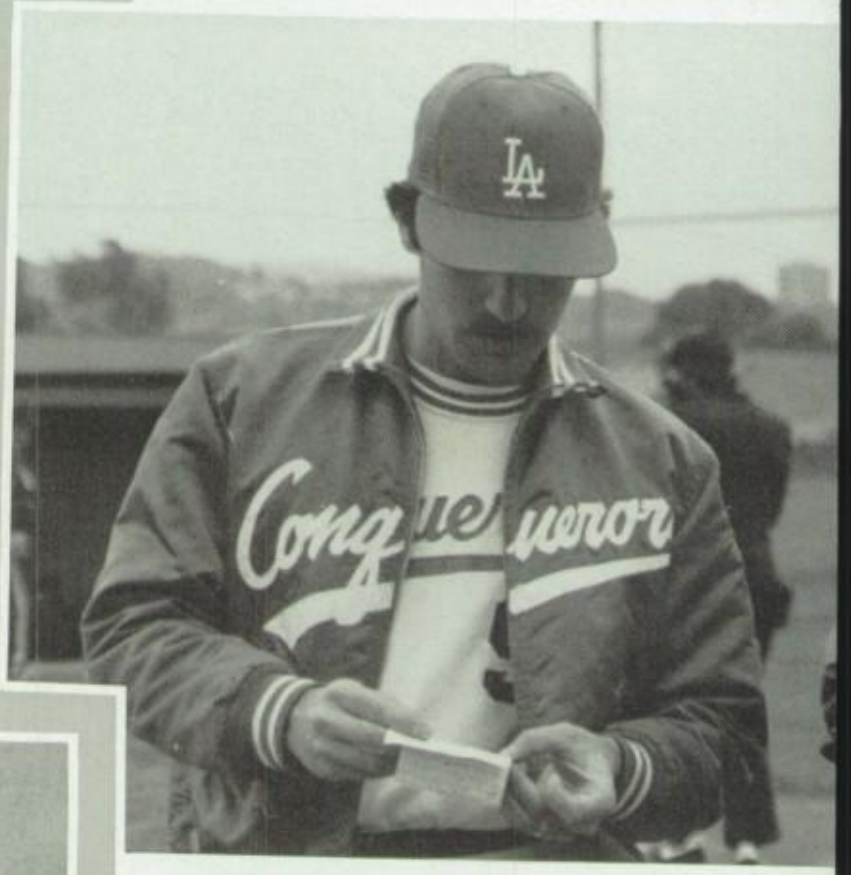
▴ Daren Davis shows his pitching form as he hums a fastball. He was one of two in the starting rotation.

◂ Coach Calver surveys the situation. He hoped that his team would be prepared for games by practicing in pressure situations.

BASEBALL

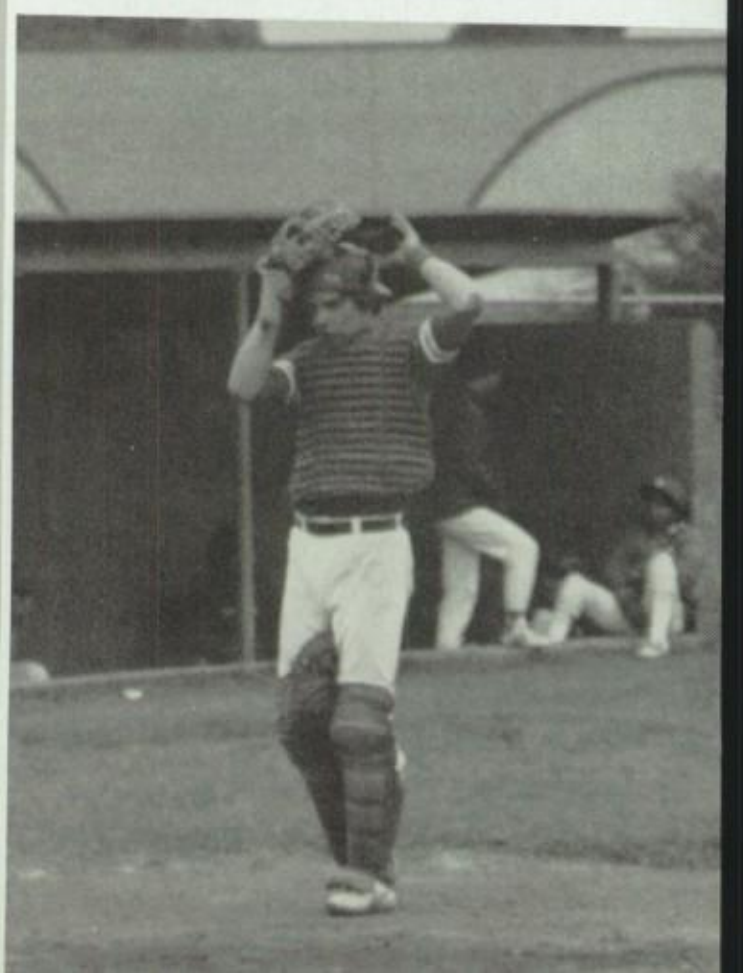
◗ JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL. **Front Row:** Craig Castillo, Steve Gonnella, Jaime Mendoza, Henry Guerrero, Javier Arroyo, **Back Row:** Paul Zuniga, Tony Barcello, Jim Burnett, Grady Hicks, Mark Iriarte, Coach Barret.

◗ Paul Delhomme gets his body into the swing. Good hip rotation is essential to hitting with power.



◗ Coach Barret makes one final check of his line-up. He hopes it will be a winning combination.

◗ FRESHMAN BASEBALL. **Front Row:** Eric Moser, Doug Yee, Derek Oie, John Silva, Bart Hargraves. **Second Row:** Darren Johns, Dave Semmer, David Won, Coach Maldonado, **Back Row:** Coach Olague, Norman Elliot, Ray Alberoni, Kevin Droe, Greg Parra, Danny Chronis.



◗ Freshman catcher Dave Semmer puts on his mask at the start of an inning. Because catcher is a vital position, much pressure is on this person.

The Heart Spectrum

With the rainy weather, the baseball season sure had a slow beginning. The junior varsity team had all six preleague games rained out. However, that didn't demoralize the team. Their love and enthusiasm for baseball kept them waiting anxiously for the skies to clear and the muddy fields to dry up.

Coach David Barret felt especially proud when his players showed a good attitude through times of adversity. He explained that all players had a role in the success of the team depending on where they fell on the H.E.A.R.T. spectrum. Some players showed their desire through **H**ustle. Others shared **E**nthusiasm for the game, and the **A**ttitude of mutual respect and belief in themselves, their teammates, and coaches. And others shared by example when they consistently worked on improvement through their **R**epetition of fundamentals during practice. Finally, others showed their prime concern for the team's success by doing everything possible in the name of **T**eamwork. All players had a role and shared success.

The junior varsity team will greatly benefit the varsity team since the varsity squad lost their pitchers, catchers, and most of their outfielders. Also, the high quality of the junior varsity infielders will add depth.

I find personal reward," said Coach Barret, "when players work hard for success without any guarantee for it . . . and then especially when they find it."

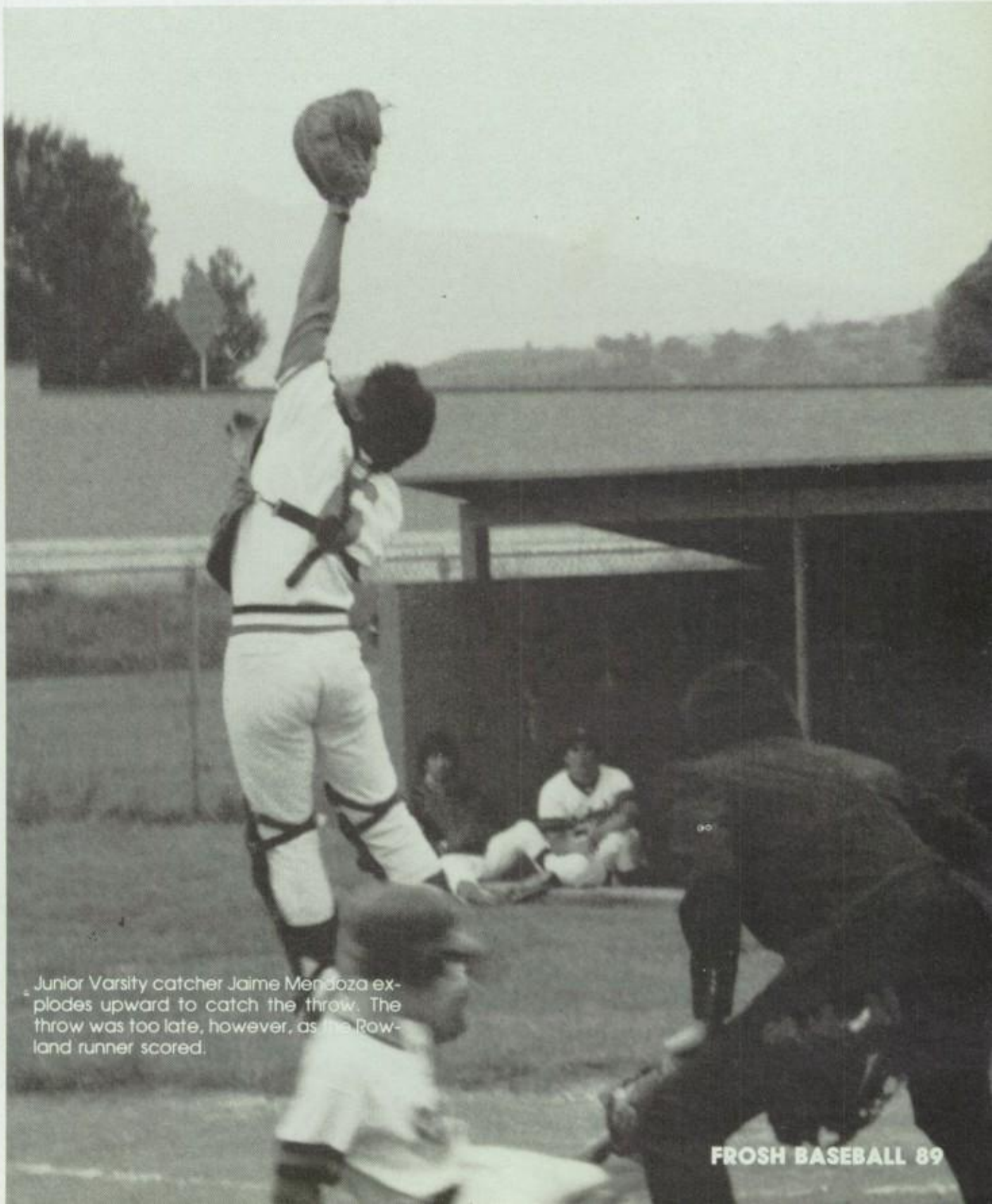
"I find personal reward when players work hard for success without any guarantee for it . . .
COACH BARRET

JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL

4	Los Altos	Edgewood	2
14	Los Altos	Wilson	1
5	Los Altos	W. Covina	7
6	Los Altos	Edgewood	14
3	Los Altos	Rowland	11

FRESHMAN BASEBALL

5	Los Altos	Edgewood	18
4	Los Altos	Wilson	14
1	Los Altos	W. Covina	10
3	Los Altos	Edgewood	9
6	Los Altos	Rowland	9



Junior Varsity catcher Jaime Mendoza explodes upward to catch the throw. The throw was too late, however, as the Rowland runner scored.

SOFTBALL

Head Start On Season

"Who would like to play softball during the fall semester of the next school year?" was the surprising proposal offered by varsity softball coach, Steve Floyd. The question stunned the tired team members after a hard practice last May.

"Why are we playing during the first semester?" asked a confused player.

Mr. Floyd explained that since the team had a not-so-good season last year, he wanted the girls working out to improve their basic skills.

Most of the girls weren't thrilled about the idea of practice every day, but felt confident that such unusual training would make them better and faster players, make them a more formidable team, and besides, practice would occur only during seventh period, since any longer is against CIF rules.

Unless a player participated in tennis or volleyball, most of the varsity and junior varsity squads practiced during seventh period. Another factor contributing to the improving softball program was the number of girls who joined the program.

During the first semester, team members got down to fundamentals. Hitting off the pitching machine, bunting for basehits, and running around goalposts became the order of the day. Sometimes, as a special treat, the girls didn't have to run around goalposts, but that was only if everyone got out to the field on time.

By the end of the semester, everyone became an expert on catching soaring fly balls shot out by the pitching machine, and sliding for more stolen bases. An additional bonus was newfound friendships among teammates.

Said Jacque Ochoa, "I didn't like practicing at first, but later I was glad I stayed with it because with teamwork, I improved my skills and made some new friends."

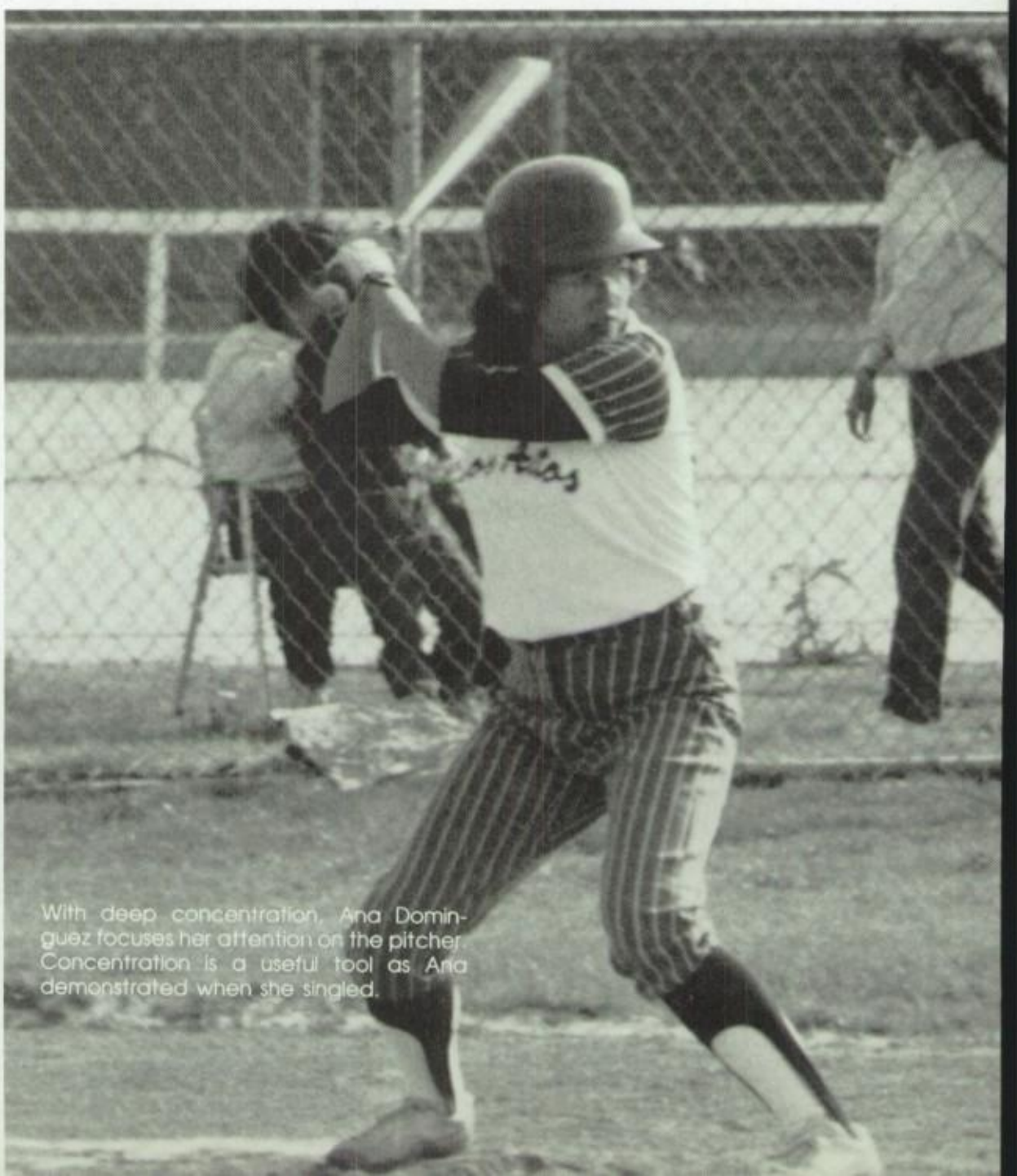
Agreeing with Jacque, Lee Chang said, "By practicing during the first semester, we had the chance to discover our strengths and weaknesses and constantly learned how to improve ourselves and become better players."

A senior, Lita Avila commented, "At the time, our workout seemed tough, but catching fly balls, sliding, and going to the batting cages really paid off."

Coach Floyd had this to say, "We had a good, solid line-up with good, all around players."

VARSITY SOFTBALL

1	Los Altos	Workman	2
9	Los Altos	Northview	6
9	Los Altos	Edgewood	6
1	Los Altos	La Puente	0
0	Los Altos	West Covina	13
5	Los Altos	Rowland	7
0	Los Altos	Walnut	14
4	Los Altos	Edgewood	6
1	Los Altos	Wilson	11
0	Los Altos	West Covina	6



With deep concentration, Ana Dominguez focuses her attention on the pitcher. Concentration is a useful tool as Ana demonstrated when she singled.

◂ VARSITY SOFTBALL **Front Row:** Lith Avila, Cindy Figueroa, Ana Dominguez, Mary Piche, Jackie Ochoa, Karen Sheriff; **Back Row:** Kim Haggerty, Marcy Ramirez, Brenda Degen, Carole Gorino, Beth Reid, Shan Parent, Lee Chang, Coach Floyd.

▾ Not agreeing with the umpire's call, Coach Floyd speaks to him about the tie going to the runner.

◂ Listening to last minute instructions, Cindy Figueroa gets facts about the opponent's team.

▴ Keeping her eye on the ball, Jackie Ochoa watches it sail outside. As a result, Jackie's walk is the beginning of a Conqueror rally.

◂ Taking a second look at catcher's signal, Brenda Degen starts to wind-up for a hard winning pitch against Northview.

SOFTBALL

Young Strength

"I believe they have the making of a possible championship team. They seem to want to improve and work towards a definite goal," said coach Mark Gibson of his young junior varsity softball team.

The junior varsity squad had an impressive start due to the outstanding new players and the team's valuable fundamental skills and softball experience. They were competitive and had

> "They seem to want to improve and work towards definite goals."
> COACH GIBSON

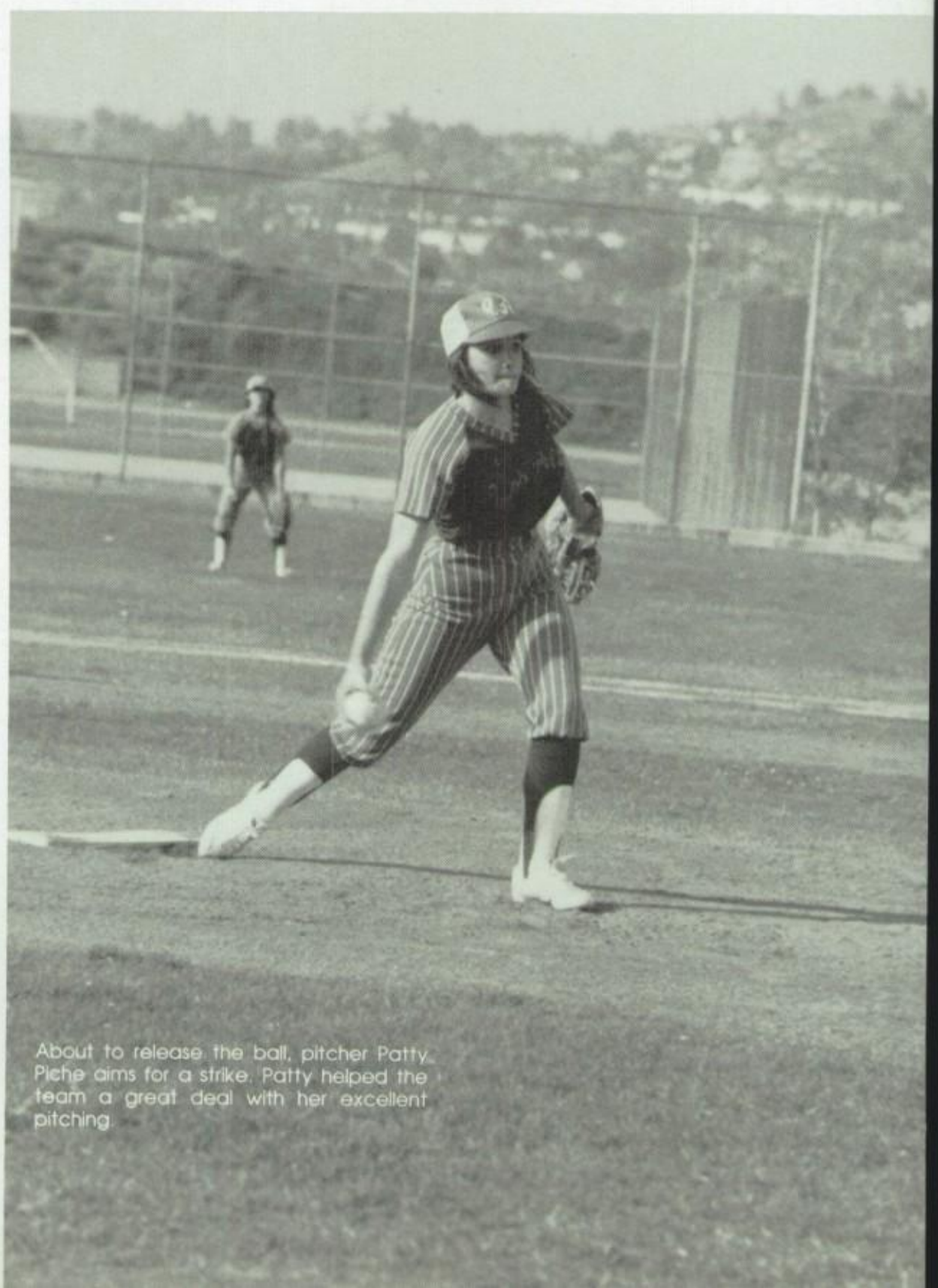
strong hitting and fielding ability. One player, sophomore Lydia Hearn, was asked how she felt about the team. "I like our team because the players always encourage one another when things get rough." In the first three league games, they demolished their opponents by scores of 15-3, 9-2, and 12-1 respectively, holding their opponents to an average of only two runs per game. In tight situations, the team's sense of unity kept the players from giving up and they put forth even more effort to contribute to wins. A few thrillers highlighted the season, such as an eight-run inning in which thirteen Los Altos players came up to bat; a one-hitter by pitcher Patty Piché; five hits out of five at bats by Gina Pena; and a towering homerun by Lydia Hearn.

A young and talented team, the junior varsity softball players anticipated a successful season.

> "... the players always encourage one another ..."
> LYDIA HEARN

JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

15	Los Altos	Edgewood	3
9	Los Altos	West Covina	2
17	Los Altos	Wilson	11
12	Los Altos	Rowland	1
0	Los Altos	Walnut	10
14	Los Altos	Edgewood	6
21	Los Altos	West Covina	19



About to release the ball, pitcher Patty Piche aims for a strike. Patty helped the team a great deal with her excellent pitching.

◂ JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL **Front Row:** Dora King, Estella Sanchez, Patty Piché, Lydia Hearn, Christy Mancino, Frances Fukute. **Back Row:** Cheryl Thue, Gina Dominguez, Michelle Lew, Veronica Able, Coach Gibson, Kam Apodaca, Mary Grace Johnson, Chris Howland. **Not Pictured:** Gina Pena.

▾ Sliding home, Christy Mancino gets under the tag. With her speed and aggressiveness, Christy stole many bases.

◂ Waiting for the ball, Christy Mancino prepares to block a runner. It is very important to keep her eyes on the ball until it is in her glove.

▴ Keeping her foot on the base, Veronica Able puts out the runner at first. Having a good reach also aids in creating many outs.

◂ After squaring to bunt, Lydia Hearn sees a low pitch and lets it go. A good hitter consists of a good bat and a good eye.

TENNIS

◗ VARSITY TENNIS **Front Row:** Shawn Plowman, Steve Chang. **Back Row:** Steve Jung, John Won, Bassil Aish, Paul Treinen, Stuart Jung.

◗ Sophomore Steve Chang watches the ball cross the net as his partner Shawn Plowman follows through with his serve. Shawn, being a freshman, added to the youth of the varsity team.

◗ Number four singles player Bassil Aish hits his racket in temporary anger. Not all shots turn out as he hopes.

◗ Standing attentively, John Won prepares for the opponents' return of his partner's serve. John was the only senior on the varsity squad.

◗ Preparing himself for the return also is doubles player Rob Lipschutz. Rob, a junior, was partners with John Wohn, therefore having the only two upperclassmen on the same team.

Teamwork

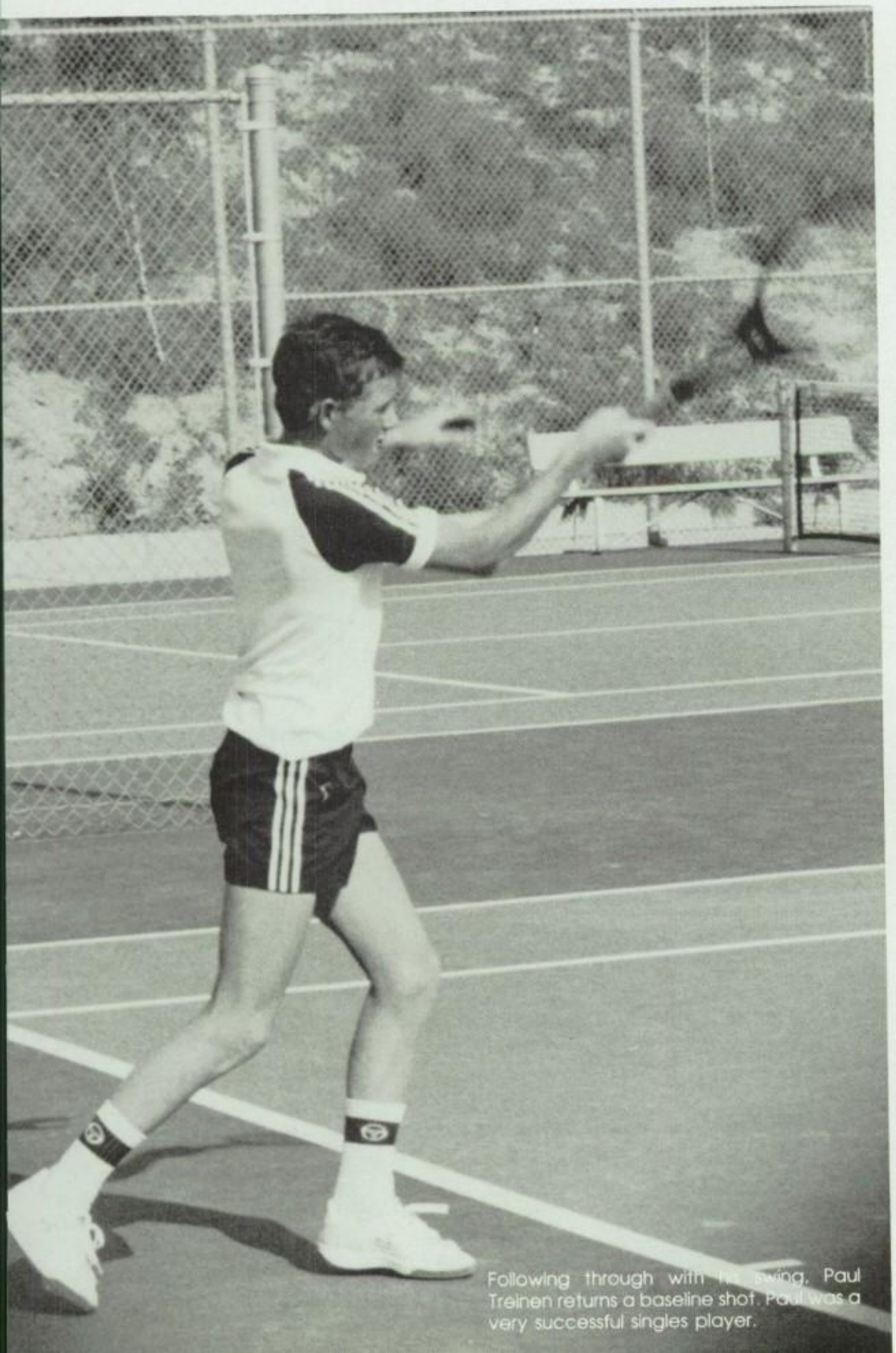
Unity was the basic element present in boys' varsity tennis. A certain oneness was tangible in the court atmosphere. Singles player Steve Jung commented, "When one of us gets down, we all support and encourage him."

Practice meant not only working individually, but also improving one another's game. The team's enthusiasm continued to be strong, on or off court. All members prospered from this closeness, which concluded in a successful season. Crowd support always assisted the players during preseason, and also spurred them on in their defeat of Downey.

"They are a very aggressive team . . ."
COACH HIX

Despite wet weather interfering with many practices, Ms. Hix, the new tennis coach, maintained firm control to keep her team at the top. She commented about the team's strength, "They are a very aggressive team with a great deal of depth." The young team illustrated their powerful potential together.

"When one of us gets down, we all support and encourage him."
STEVE JUNG



Following through with his swing, Paul Treinen returns a baseline shot. Paul was a very successful singles player.

VARSITY TENNIS

20	Los Altos	Nogales	8
15½	Los Altos	Downey	12½
27	Los Altos	South Hills	1
26½	Los Altos	San Gabriel	1½
21	Los Altos	Whittier	7
26½	Los Altos	LaPuente	1½
17	Los Altos	Workman	0
21½	Los Altos	Glendora	6½

TENNIS

Practice To Perfect

Practice, practice practice was the ans wer. The question? What did the junior varsity tennis team do to win matches? Besides practicing by challenging other players on the team, the J.V. tennis team ran lines at the beginning and the end of each practice. In addition to running to improve quickness, Coach Rose had the team work on drills to improve vollies, overheads, and serves.

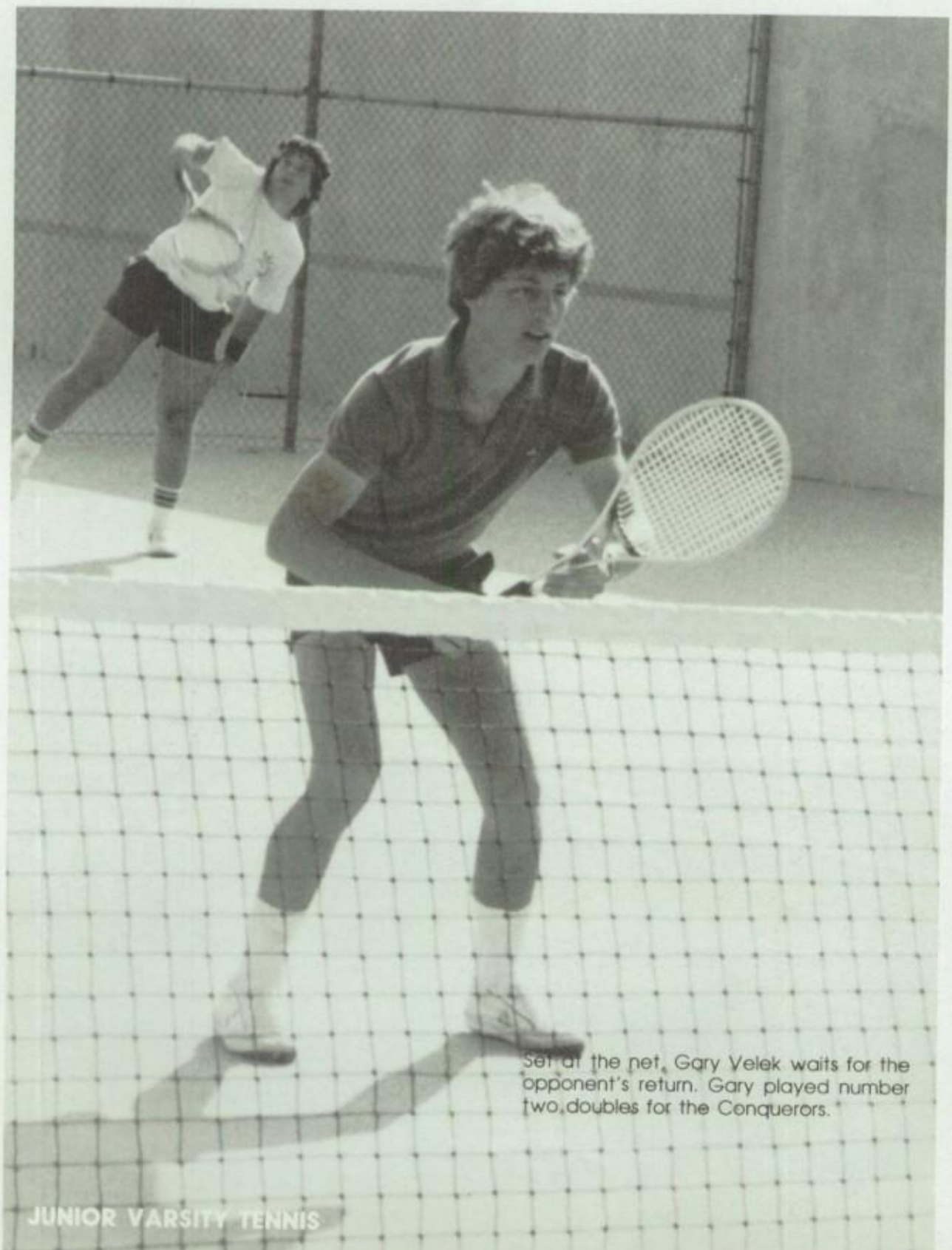
Practice, always a hard business, occasionally erupted into good-natured shennanigans such as tennis ball wars, which started with the varsity team then quickly spread to the j.v. squad. Commented Ed West, "Not only do we have a good team and practice a lot, but we also have fun."

Mr. Jeffrey Rose, the J.V. coach, was a student at Cal State Fullerton and commuted to Los Altos everyday for seventh period practice. Coach Rose, young and new but well able to coach, quickly became friends with the team. Said Ron Briseno, number one singles player, "Coach Jeffrey Rose is a friend as well as a coach."

Mark Ruhnke, a fellow JV member, said, "The coach is a cool dude."

In mid-March, tragedy hit Coach Rose and the JV tennis team. The coach tore the ligaments in his right ankle while playing basketball. Then a promising j.v. prospect, Tim Sirichoke, broke his foot while playing tennis just before the tennis season started.

All in all, the junior varsity tennis team had a good season. They were a strong, experienced team. During the season, they only lost a couple of games, most being practice games. About half of the games played were practice games, while in league they only played each opposing team twice instead of the usual three times. The reason for the coaches' decision was that a strong team that played against a weak team would win every time they met. Since the situation wouldn't benefit any of the teams, the coaches felt matching each team only twice in league play was a wise decision.



Set at the net, Gary Velek waits for the opponent's return. Gary played number two doubles for the Conquerors.

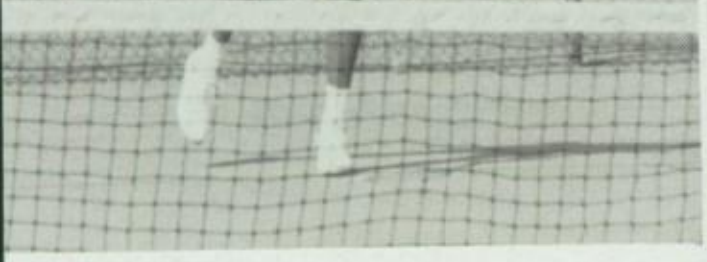
Junior Varsity Tennis

24	Los Altos	Workman	4
23	Los Altos	Whittier	7
13	Los Altos	San Gabriel	15
26	Los Altos	Nogales	2
28	Los Altos	La Puente	2
18	Los Altos	So. Hills	7
17	Los Altos	Downey	11
21	Los Altos	Edgewood	7
28	Los Altos	West Covina	0

◀ JUNIOR VARSITY TENNIS. **Front Row:** Jerry Soto, Roy Miranda, Allen Ottoson, Melvin Miranda, Bob Whitmer, Steve Jambazian, David Beck, Doug Levens. **Back Row:** Ed West, Paul Beringer, Mark Ruhnke, Jeff Grobecker, Mike Smith, Gary Sheriff, Gary Valek, Ron Briseno, Coach Jeff Rose

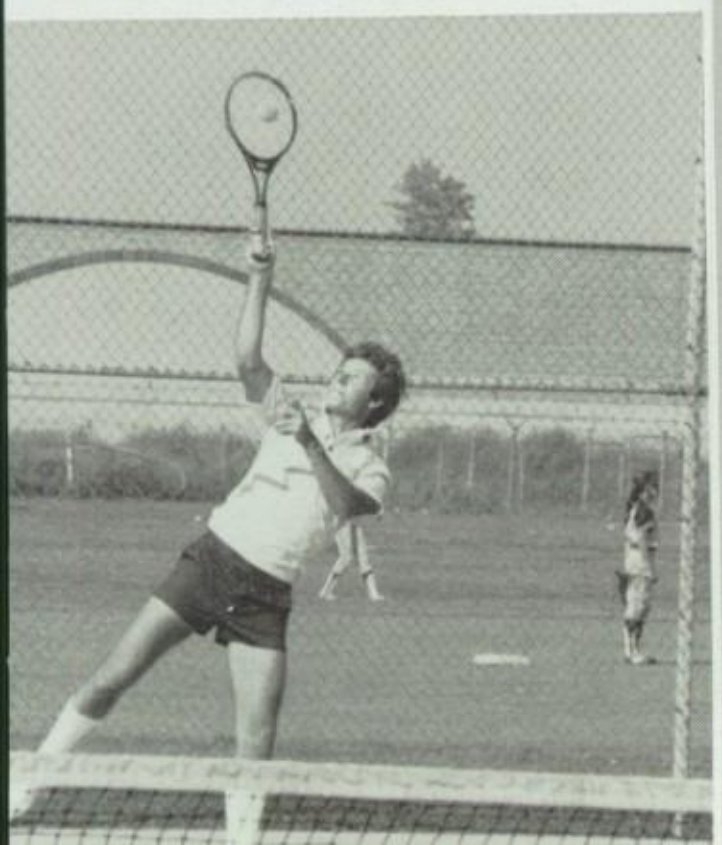
▼ With strength, Ron Briseno returns a powerful forehand. Ron's ability and consistancy was the reason for his being number one singles player and team leader.

◀ After serving, Jeff Grobecker races to the net. A good serve and volley game will put pressure on the opponent.



▲ Getting set to return a tough baseline shot, Roy Miranda sets for return. Roy's steady performance was the reason why Roy played number one doubles.

◀ Keeping eyes on the ball, Mark Ruhnke serves to his opponent. A good serve will always help one's game.



SWIMMING

◗ BOYS' VARSITY SWIMMING. **Front Row:** Alan Loya, Dave Mosak, Tony Balma, Dave Brookshire, Coach Stuart. **Second Row:** Craig Harvey, Matt Sanseverino, Mark Guithues, Bill Christenson, Jim Griffing, Steve Fordiani, Mark Stuart, Rick Stephan. **Back Row:** Jerry Anguiano, Dave Luna, Mark Ostein.

◗ Mark Stuart talks with Coach Stuart, Mark's uncle, about how to win his race. The swimmers were constantly looking for ways to improve their technique, and in doing so, better their times.

◗ Senior Jerry Anguiano takes a quick breath while swimming the breast stroke. Jerry could always be counted on to score points in meets.

◓ BOYS' JUNIOR VARSITY SWIMMING. **Front Row:** Mark Montez, Erik Curtis, Ted Stephan, Mark Rojas, Coach Stuart. **Back Row:** Phil Tedrow, Eric Mao, Danny Dalziel, Glen Tedrow, John Cho, Steve Peterson.

◗ Mark Guithues searches for that little something extra that will help him win his race. It must have worked, because Mark won this race, just nosing out a Wilson competitor.

Swimmer's Life

The sixth period bell rings and the swimmers hurry to their lockers, stash their books, and with a quick goodbye to their friends saunter over to the lockerroom. Quickly slipping into their swimming trunks, they hurry out to the poolside. Coach Brian Stuart could already be heard yelling at the top of his lungs, "There are only two things that will make you better: your effort and my mouth!" Mr. Stuart began coaching the team just before their season started. He was asked to replace the previous coach, Dr. Dan Hyre, who left unexpectedly.

Dave Luna, an outstanding athlete on both varsity football and varsity swimming teams, compared the physical aspects of the two sports this way, "First string varsity football physical training was a 4; swimming is a 10."

Workouts consisted of a 7,000 yard swim, which is equal to 280 laps. These laps are swum many different ways. The swimmers did sets of laps while holding their breath as well as employing different strokes. Three days a week for twenty minutes at a crack, the team did weight training.

As it grew darker and fatigue overtook the swimmers, they slowly pulled their bodies out of the water, towelled themselves, and headed for the showers.

Another hard practice session, vital to the success of any team, was concluded.

"There are only two things that will make you better: your effort and my mouth!"
COACH STUART

BOYS VARSITY SWIMMING

69	Los Altos	Arcadia	82
81	Los Altos	Charter Oaks	75
84	Los Altos	Crescenta Valley	72
101	Los Altos	Upland	55
70	Los Altos	Sonora	86
	Los Altos	Wilson	

BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY SWIMMING

73	Los Altos	Arcadia	64
79	Los Altos	Charter Oaks	53
78	Los Altos	Crescenta Valley	29
88	Los Altos	Upland	20
48	Los Altos	Sonora	94
81	Los Altos	Wilson	75

Luis Salazar gets psyched-up as he awaits the firing of the starter's gun. Swimming is a very emotional sport and winning often depends on who is the best mentally prepared at a given time.

SWIMMING

Tough Act To Follow

The girls varsity swim team had a very heavy responsibility to uphold in defending the CIF championship title that they won last year. The girls had a tough act to follow and they knew it! With a positive attitude, the girls plunged into the season determined to keep their title. Mr. Brian Stewart, head swim coach, also felt that the squad had the ability and confidence to achieve their goal. In preparing for the CIF finals, all members lifted weights and swam 3,000 to 4,000 yards daily. "Workouts were really tough," explained Karen Hartwig. "They were harder than last year because this year weight workout is different. We now have more weight repetition."

"We all tried really hard."
SANDRA RAMAKER

The group was anchored by seniors Karen Hartwig and Sandra Ramaker, the only two remaining members of the championship team. "We all tried really hard," stated Sandra Ramaker, "and did our very best."

Although they were really young, consisting mainly of freshmen and sophomores, the girls did very well for their first time in competition. Said Paula Amon, "It's better to learn the correct swim skills and train when you're young so you can do well when you reach the end of your high school career, your senior year!"

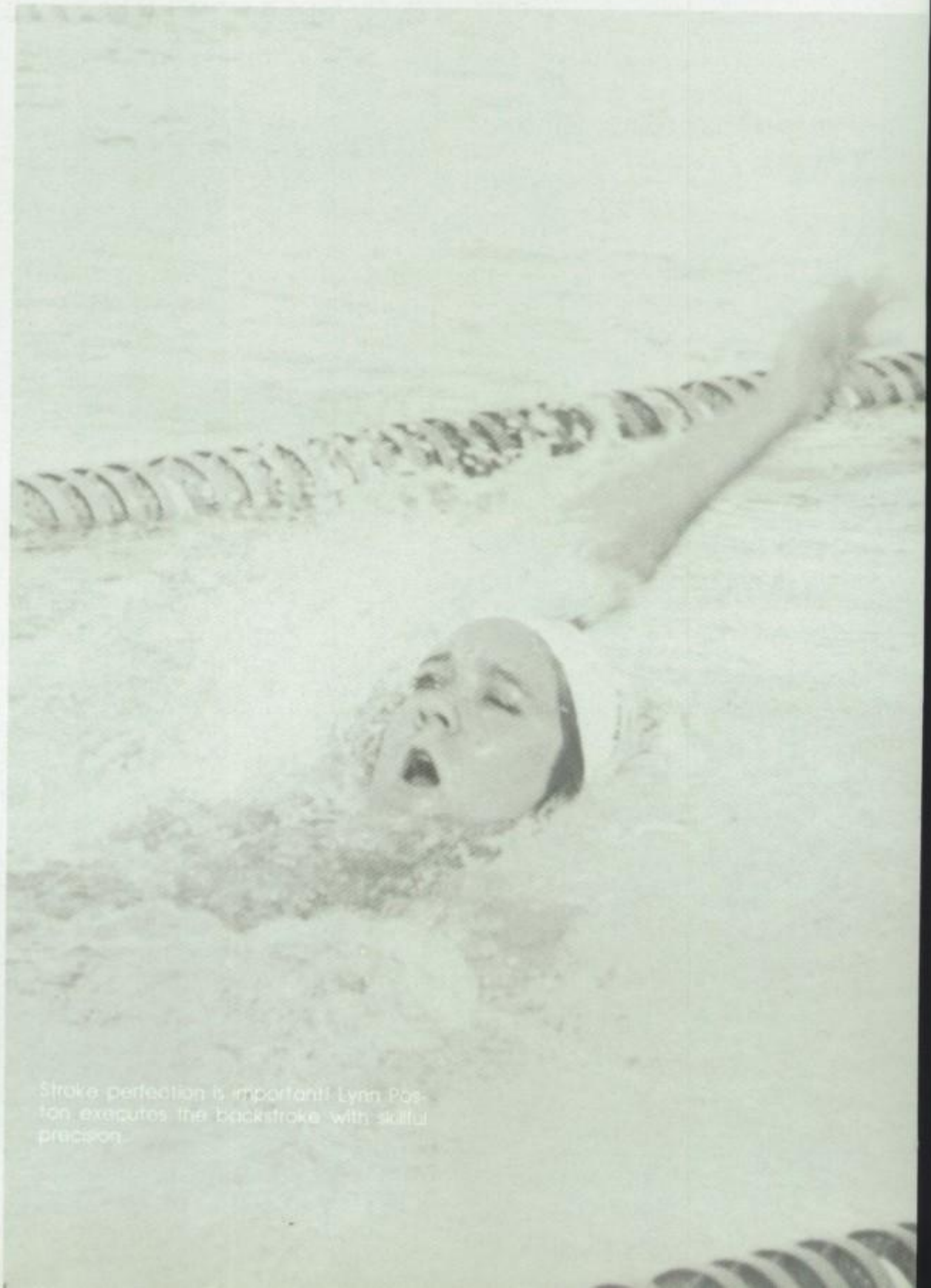
"Workouts were really tough."
KAREN HARTWIG

VARSITY SWIMMING

52	Los Altos	Arcadia	102
72	Los Altos	Charter Oaks	84
51	Los Altos	Crescenta Valley	63
81	Los Altos	Upland	63
73	Los Altos	Sonora	83

JUNIOR VARSITY SWIMMING

15	Los Altos	Charter Oaks	60
61	Los Altos	Crescenta Valley	37
13	Los Altos	Sonora	104

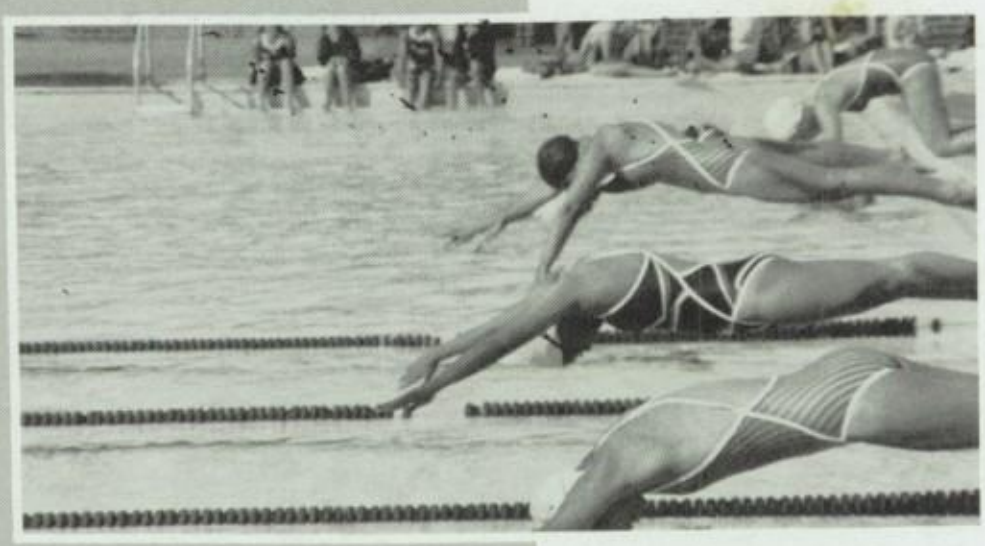


Stroke perfection is important! Lynn Poston executes the backstroke with skillful precision.

◂ GIRLS SWIMMING **Front Row:** Cherie Hovelson, Gina Mussetti, Deanna Hooper, Amee Roy, Sandra Ruiz, Sherrie Fordiani, Coach Stuart. **Second Row:** Paula Amon, Lynn Poston, Rose Rivas, Lupe Gonzales, Bridgette Madero. **Back Row:** Sandy Ramaker, Karen Hartwig, Georgina Aguilar.

▾ With a final burst of energy, Cherie Hovelson works her way through the last lap. The freestyle is the fastest stroke in swimming competition.

◂ Taking a well deserved rest, Bridgette Madero keeps a relaxed mood. During the rest, however, she must begin to think about the next event.



▴ Diving off their platforms at the sound of the gun, Sandra Ruiz and Rose Rivas go for an early lead. A quick start could mean a win versus a loss.

◂ Catching a breath, Lynn Poston maintains her view of the wall. Concentration on her stroke is also of utmost importance.

TRACK

◗ BOYS VARSITY TRACK. **Front Row:** Steve Baldridge, Larry Crandall, Scott Baldridge, Gary Crandall, Victor Estrada, Ken Fleming, Danny Villareal, Wade Watkins, Ricky Dorsey. **Back Row:** Rick Gamboa, Brian Sanchez, Tom Mericle, Mario Pineda, Clark Simonian, Kenny Cottman, Armando Azpeitia, Greg Luna, Richard Kozak, Dicky Gerber, Steve Porter. Not Pictured: Phil Benson, Dave Clonts, Arnold Molina, Kevin Morgan, Stuart Mathews.

◗ Going over the hurdle, Gary Crandall attempts to catch up to his opponent. Never giving up was a trade-mark of the team.

◗ With relief showing on his face, Arnold Molina finishes the race in first. Arnold was an important factor in the team's success.

▲ Participating in the high jump, Chris Wright fails to clear the bar. Every high jumper gets three tries in this event.

◗ Caught in the middle of his long flight, Kevin Morgan participates in the long jump. Kevin racked up many points for the team in this event.

Getting Better

For the past several years, track has been one of the weakest sports at Los Altos. However, after a few years of hard work Coach Dave Shirley helped the varsity team to accumulate more wins this season than in the past four years. Although the frosh/soph team did not do quite as well, they showed much improvement through hard work and dedication.

In track, there are 136 points possible with the minimum amount for victory being sixty-nine. A team acquires points by placing its members in races and/or events. Five points are given for first, three for second, and one point for third place. Los Altos was most consistent in the distance races. The half-mile, mile, and two-mile runners usually accounted for at least 20 points each meet. Predominate competitors in this category were Wade Watkins and Scott Baldridge. In the sprints, Steve Porter dominated the league by winning at least 80% of his races. He also scored several points each meet in the long jump. Phil Benson racked up many points in the shot-put and discus throw by placing first in nearly every meet. The only weakness was in the pole vault where the Conquerors made no points all season.

Although the team was smaller than in the past years its quality was as high as the larger teams in the league. The team members also showed team work and team pride even when it seemed as though the odds were against them. One obstacle to overcome was the heavy rain in the pre-season. A number of meets were postponed or cancelled. The rain also damaged the twenty-five year-old track, which needed repair. Because of the faulty field many hours were spent removing water puddles from the track which could have been prevented had the drainage system been in proper working order.

Even though the athletes did not win every race, they did gain valuable experiences by doing their best. The self-confidence gained was another positive factor.

Keeping a fast pace, W[illegible] Watkins stays in front. Wade won many races with this running like this.

BOYS VARSITY TRACK

71	Los Altos	Schurr	65
84	Los Altos	La Puente	51
45	Los Altos	West Covina	82
71	Los Altos	Edgewood	64

TRACK

Nothing Restrains 'Em

Of course, every meet is important to the team, and money for the team is decreasing each year. The team could use new uniforms and new equipment, but they do with what they have, and make the best of everything. Coached by Mr. Dave Shirley, the girls' varsity track team lifted weights, did calisthenics and practiced their events each day from 1:40 to 4:00 p.m. Many members of the team felt that Coach Shirley was an asset to the team. Said Sandi Knowles, "Coach Shirley is a great coach and we were off to a slow start, but gradually picked up." The team consisted of fifteen girls, four of whom were on the varsity team for the first year. All team members tried their hardest to learn and to compete, and most important to be a good team working together. Mr. Shirley had this to add on the subject: "This year's team is a young group, mostly underclassmen and each and every one of them did a great job." At their weekly meets, the team dressed in their blue shorts and blue tank tops to "Engage and Conquer". Trisha Molina said, "This year our team seems to have more spirit and the season was foreseen to be great. And also more girls are trying harder than ever before." Each member of the team competes in various events which may include hurdles, relays, shotput, discus, and various mile runs. The team hoped for a great year and to make the CIF finals. The general feeling for the first-year members of the team were related to what Cindy Jimenez had to say: "I was well pleased to have the opportunity to be on the team for the first year and enjoyed it very much." The team was off to a running start and made it to the finish line.

"This year (we) have more spirit."
PATRICIA MOLINA

Participating in the standing long jump, Theresa Leets pushes herself to get the farthest jump. Theresa works very hard for the team, and it shows.

GIRLS TRACK

63	Los Altos	Schurr	64
56	Los Altos	La Puente	62
75	Los Altos	West Covina	38

BOYS FROSH/SOPH TRACK

29	Los Altos	Schurr	94
37	Los Altos	La Puente	88
2½	Los Altos	West Covina	115½

GIRLS TRACK. **Front Row:** Martha Chaira, Theresa Leets, Tricia Molina, Diana Hoover, Regine Sediva, Beth Knowles, Cindy Jimenez, Denise Gallego. **Back Row:** Kim Millon, Rona Harris, Chris Botts, Liz Lopez, Sandy Marujo, Laura Leets, Sandy Knowles, Carol MacDonald, Suzie YeeDong.

While competing in the hurdles heat, Cindy Jimenez and Rona Harris are anticipating their next move. Hurdling takes a lot of quick thinking, and intricate timing.

Being the most inspirational member of the team, Tricia Molina takes the team very seriously and absolutely loves to win. In this event, she ran the two-mile run.

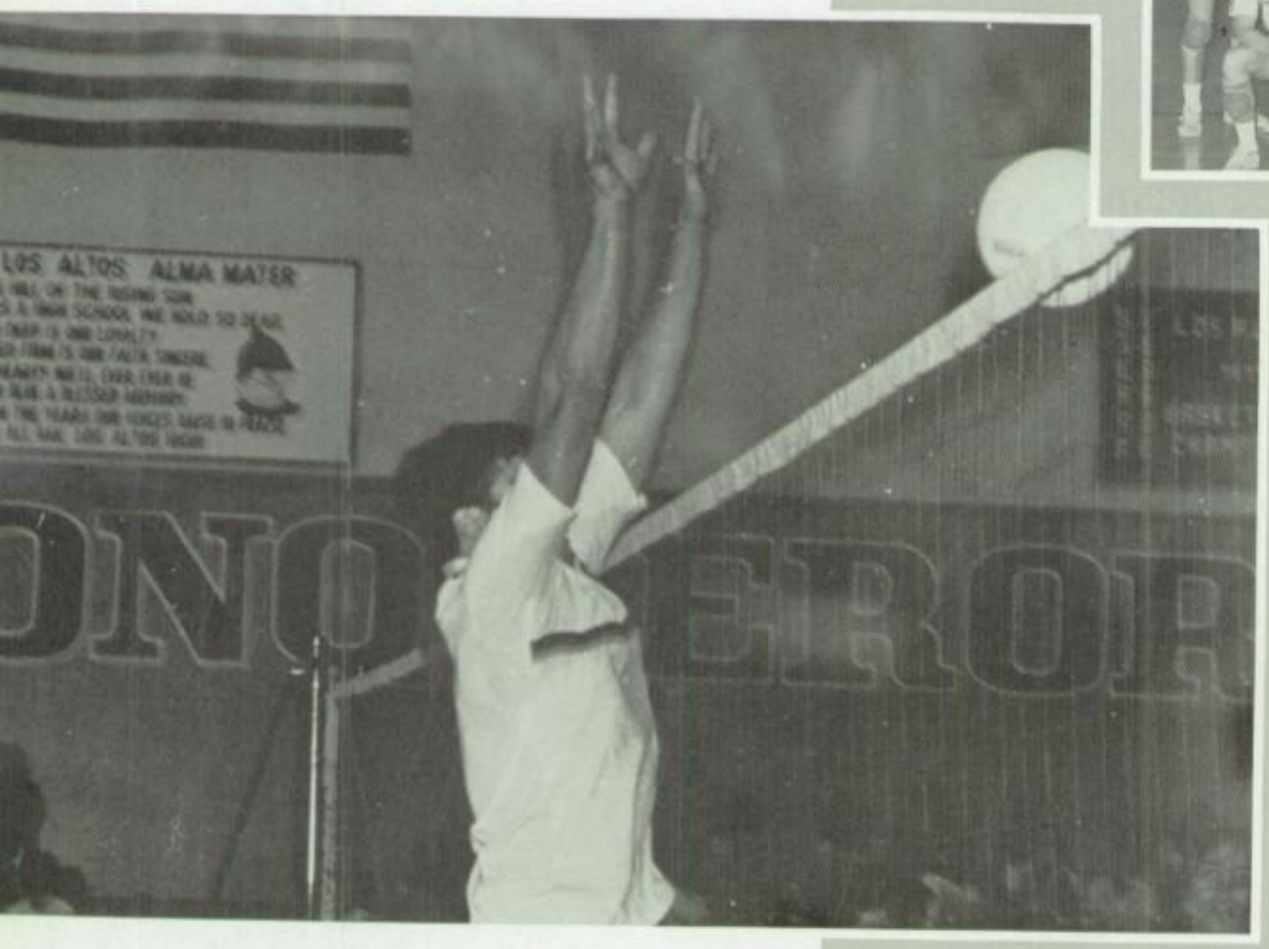
FROSH/SOPH TRACK. **Front Row:** Terry Ulinsky, James Downs, Erlendo Escabel, Matthew Monzon. **Back Row:** Rick Boden, Walter Ahhaitty, Bobby Seabol, Roger Banos, Rupert Pollard.

Having a slight lead in front of a La Puente opponent, Carol MacDonald strives to keep the lead in a 440 yard run. She is just inches away from the finish line. She won the race and chalked up points for the team.

VOLLEYBALL

◗ BOYS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL. **Front Row:** Tim Flink, Charles Fults, Larry Kwok, Greg Caresio, Kevin Keuining, Mark Fang, Randy Barrios. **Back Row:** Mark Thiessen, Bob Sanseverino, Kevin Francis, Kevin Freymond, Mike Smith, Chris Martz, Eric Martz, Greg Hurd, Carlos Alcazar, Coach Brega.

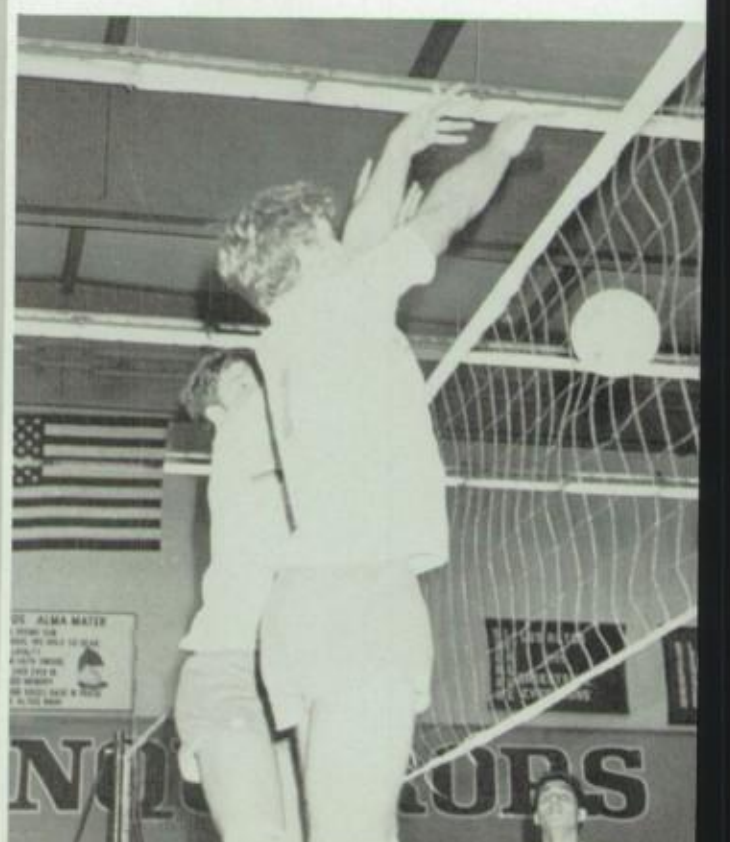
◗ Leaping up, Kevin Freymond blocks his opponent's shot. Kevin also had a great setting ability.



◗ After being set up by Kevin Freymond, Mike Smith spikes the ball at the other team. Mike's height enabled him to produce a hard spike.

▲ With delicate precision, Kevin Freymond shoots the ball between two opposing players. Touch like this is what made the team great.

◗ Togethe, Kevin Francis and Kevin Freymond block their opponent's shot. Almost every team member could leap up and block shots.



Strength In Numbers

When the exciting basketball season ended, Los Altos fans directed their enthusiasm towards the talented varsity volleyball team. "I like volleyball because it's an exciting sport and it's fun to watch," said sophomore Roberta Jauregui.

The cohesive group, capitalizing on their height and quickness, began the season with a perfect 6-0 record. The starting positions were rotated by setters Mike Smith and Kevin Freymond; hitters Kevin Francis, Tom Flink, and Mark Thiessen; and blockers Chris Martz and Bob Sanseverino. They were backed up by a strong and supportive bench.

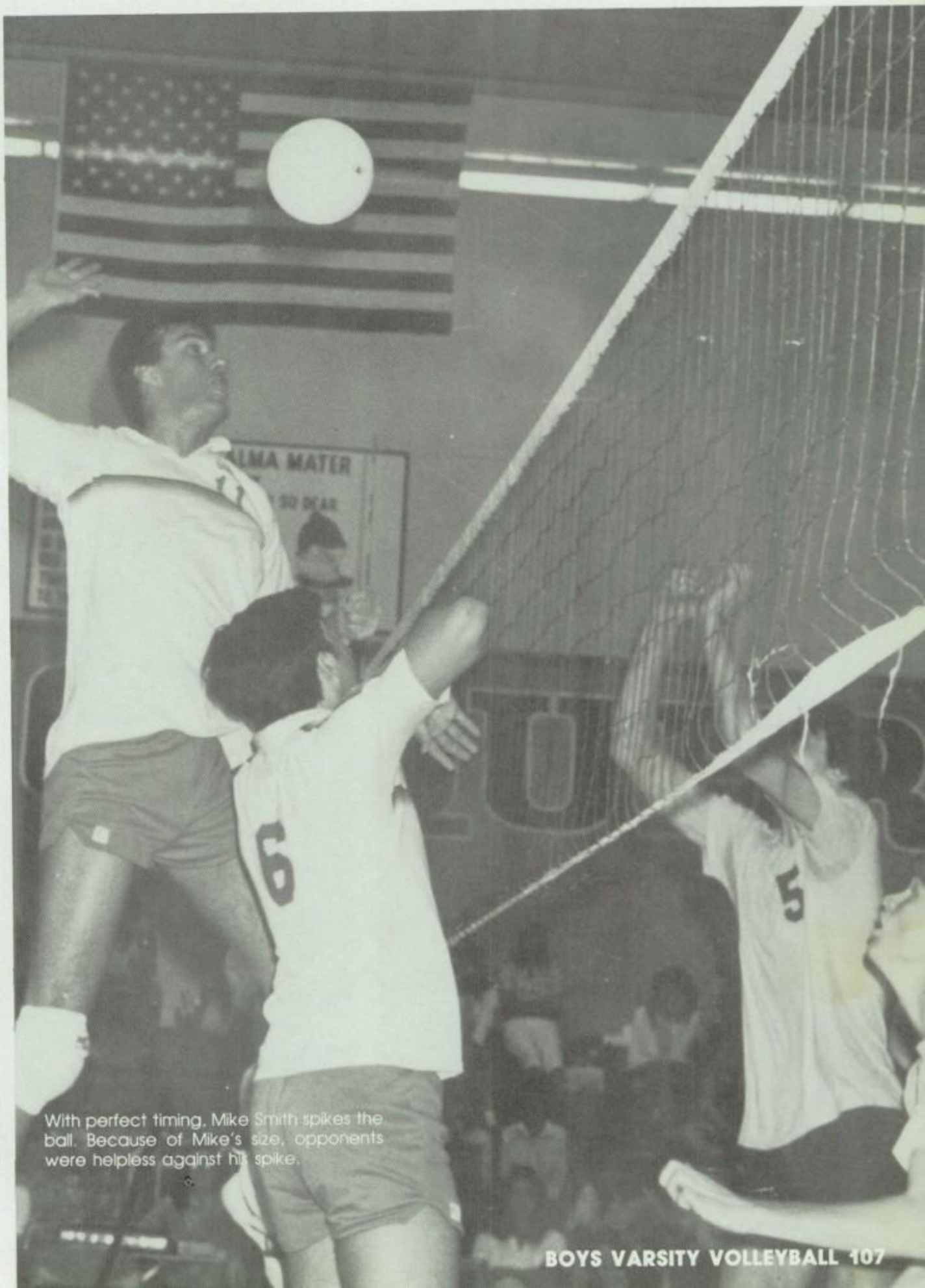
"These guys are a great group of athletes."
COACH BREGA

Coach Dana Brega commented, "These guys are a great group of athletes. We have eighteen players on the team and they are all good." The team, determined to continue their strong hitting, blocking, and setting techniques, hoped to go undefeated for their 80th straight league win in six years. Also, as a result of being placed in a different division, varsity volleyball had a good shot at the 3A title.

Varsity volleyball has been gaining in popularity due to the efforts of a devoted coach, the eagerness and aptitude of the players, and the encouragement and support of the many fans.

BOYS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

3	Los Altos	Santa Fe	2
3	Los Altos	La Serna	0
3	Los Altos	Cal Hi	0
3	Los Altos	South Hills	0
3	Los Altos	Montebello	0
3	Los Altos	El Rancho	0



With perfect timing, Mike Smith spikes the ball. Because of Mike's size, opponents were helpless against his spike.

VOLLEYBALL

Practice Pays Off

Bump, spike, dink and set. Sound like a new language? It's the language of volleyball. The junior varsity volleyball team put those words to use in a winning way. Their many grueling hours of practice drills paid off as the team went on to win the majority of their games.

Part of the team's success was due to the expert coaching of Bill Rockwood. When sophomore Kanji Hayashi was asked how he felt about Coach Rockwood, he remarked, "Over all, he is a really good coach. Without him I don't think we would be where we are now."

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KANJI HAYASHI

The crowd factor also contributed to the team's winning season. An average of thirty spectators came to the junior varsity games. This support helped keep the team's spirits up.

The volleyball season is a short one-just two months-yet the team was scheduled for twenty games. Everyone on the team got an opportunity to play, even though the twenty-member team was unusually large.

As the season came to an end, the players enjoyed a well-deserved feeling of satisfaction concerning their performance.

BOYS J.V. VOLLEYBALL

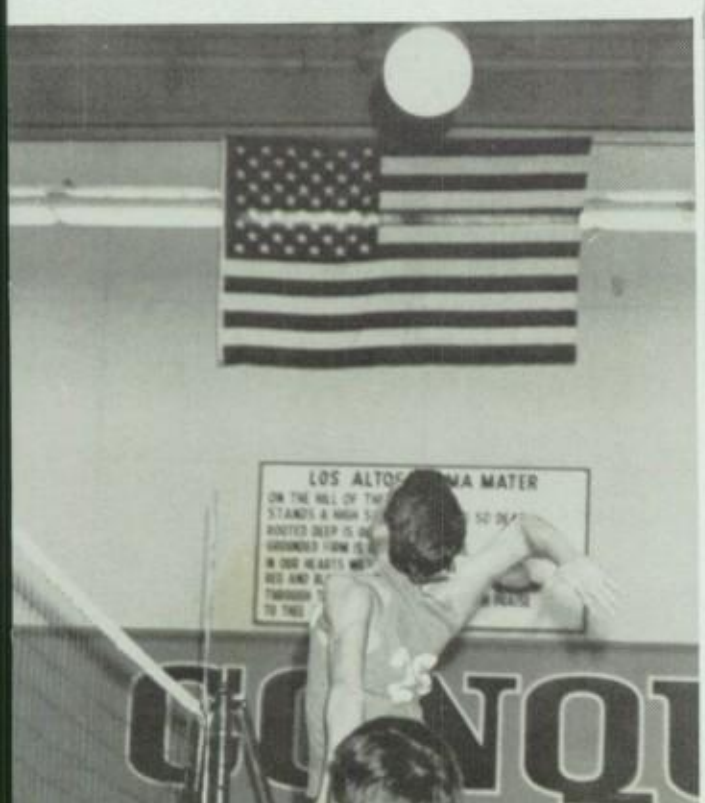
2	Los Altos	Santa Fe	0
2	Los Altos	La Serna	0
2	Los Altos	Cal Hi	0
1	Los Altos	Montebello	2

Leaping up to hit the ball, Bob Arellano places it where his opponents can't get to it. Los Altos went on to beat La Serna 2-1.

◂ JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL. **Front Row:** Chad Smith, Ariel Crespo, Todd Schork, Andy Chung, Henry Rodriguez, John Shipp, Kanji Hayashi, Andy Trevino, Don Lee. **Back Row:** Peter Chen, Jim Miller, Will Harris, Rod Arellano, Trent Flink, Warren Johnson, John Peart, Mark Smith, Chad Dunn, Paul Richmond. **Not Pictured:** Coach Rockwood, John Romo.

▾ Getting his hands under the ball, Andy Trevino gets set to bump. Bumping is an important skill in volleyball.

◂ Simultaneously jumping in the air, two Los Altos players block the ball. Great blocking skills prevented opponents from spiking successfully.

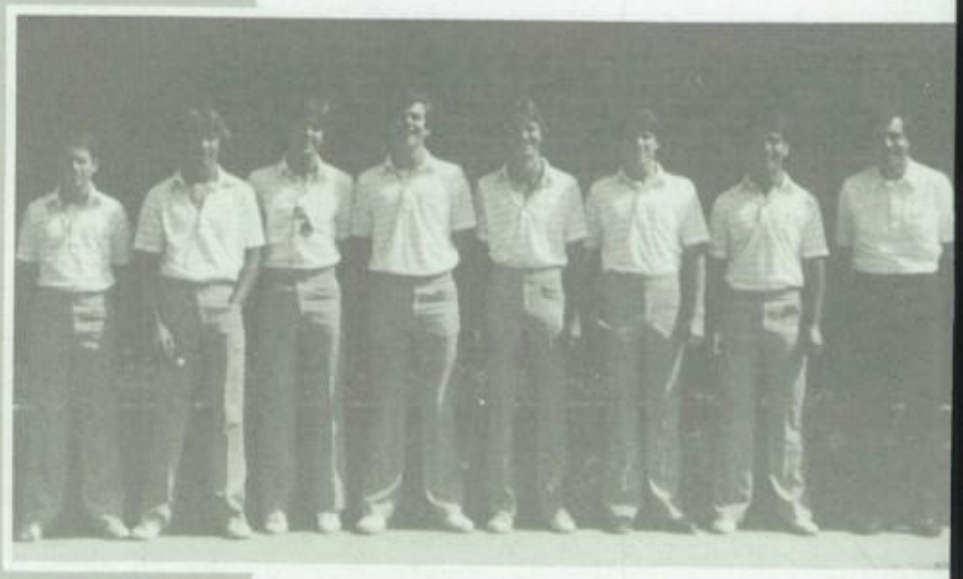


▴ In spite of a defender, Paul Richman dinks the ball over the net. Paul helped the team in a victory over California High.

◂ Exploding upward, John Romo spikes the ball. Aggressive offense helped the junior varsity team towards a successful season.

GOLF

VARSITY GOLF. **Front Row:** Eric Kline, Jim Osborn, Don White, Jeff Heiiman, Jeff Protzo, Russ Kline, Louie Kaneshiro, Coach Dick Slosek.

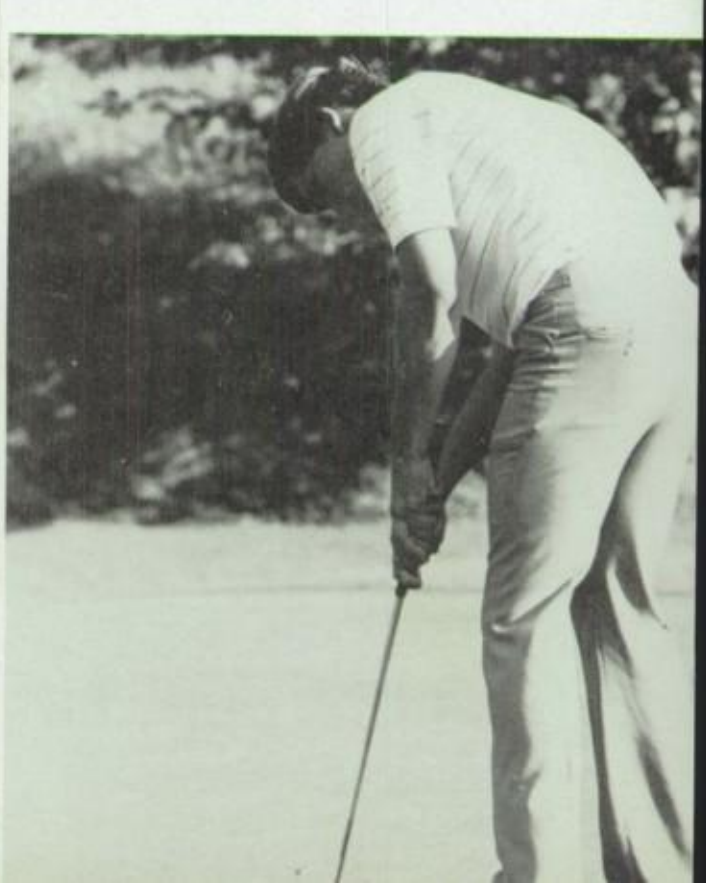


Proper form is a must in golf as Jeff Protzo demonstrates. Jeff is attempting to take a chip shot.

Putting for par, Jim Osborn watches the ball roll towards the pin. Jim's putting was his strong point.

JUNIOR VARSITY GOLF. **Front Row:** Paul Dugan, Steve Sargent, Deane Silke, Jeff Lucas, John Traxler, Ty Watkins, Coach Dick Slosek.

With deep concentration, Jeff Hellman prepares for birdy putt. Jeff shot par or better all season and through CIF.



Recognized Talent

The Conqueror golf team was again considered to be one of the top powers in the CIF. Coach Dick Slosek's team finished second, third, and fourth in the CIF finals for the past three years and was fifth in the state last June.

The varsity team included returning seniors Jeff Protzo and Louis Kaneshiro, juniors Jeff Hellman and Jim Osborn, and varsity newcomers Don White and Russ Kline. Also battling for one of the six varsity spots were senior John Traxler, juniors Eric Kline and Deane Silke, and freshman Jeff Lucas. Rounding out a strong JV team were freshmen Steve Sargent, Ty Watkins, Paul Dugan, and Steve Verdick, and sophomore Don Brockway.

Jeff Hellman, one of the top-ranked young golfers in Southern California, got the L.A. season off to a memorable start as he scored a rare double-eagle on the par 5 first hole of the Eisenhower course at Industry Hills. Hellman, last year's number three finisher in the CIF individual finals and playing in his first match of the current season, holed a 2-iron shot on his way to a one-under-par 35.

Jeff Protzo, current Industry Hills Junior Club champion, also began the season well as he shot three straight 35's in matches in March. Jimmy Osborn was also shooting around par to give the Conquerors as formidable a top three as any team in the CIF.

The Conquerors were currently undefeated through seven matches as they awaited Sierra League play. Los Altos and Rowland figured to have another down-to-the-wire finish for the league crown. The Conquerors also defended their title at the DeBell Golf Tournament in Glendale.

The Conquerors hoped to again advance to post-season play in the CIF and then to the state finals. Only four teams from the Southern Section CIF and 12 from the state advance to the state finals, and Los Altos hoped to make it for the third year in a row.

Straight as a pin, Jeff Hellman watches his drive go down the fairway. Jeff's all-around ability is one reason why he's highly ranked in Southern California.

VARSITY GOLF

203	Los Altos	Rowland	217
196	Los Altos	San Gabriel	227
202	Los Altos	San Marino	223
192	Los Altos	Redlands	204
195	Los Altos	Esperanza	220
221	Los Altos	Canyon	247
206	Los Altos	Sunny Hills	215
205	Los Altos	Palo Verde	222
196	Los Altos	Damien	201
206	Los Altos	La Canada	224
210	Los Altos	West Covina	231
206	Los Altos	Rowland	210
408	Los Altos	Indio	425
205	Los Altos	Rowland	207

BADMINTON

No More Waiting

There was to be no more waiting this year. The 1983 badminton season culminated with Los Altos High School capturing the Sierra League championship. It had been foreseen that we would have the best chance to win it, but not handily. West Covina and Wilson were predicted to give the Conquerors a difficult time; they did. Last year's powerhouse, Walnut High School, winner of the 1982 C.I.F. championship, were no threat this year, opening the door to the Los Altos team. And the Conquerors entered.

At the beginning of the season coach Dean made a most interesting statement: "Our guys'll be great, but it's the girls I'm worried about." However, to the surprise of many, the girls were extremely strong. Where only one of the doubles teams was expected to be very good, an excellent team materialized. And the other pair, from whom no one expected too much surprised the league with a most outstanding performance. The girls' singles did well, too. The number one girl, a returning senior, did a superb job along with good performances from numbers two and three.

But the boys were not to be outdone. Unlike the older, more seasoned girls' team, the boys were all juniors except for two — a senior and a sophomore. Of course, that senior was an all-league doubles player and would be a great loss. Both boys' doubles team did an excellent job of gaining points at every match. Our number three singles boy was changed mid-season, making some adjustment difficult, but he came through, backing the number one and number two boys who had placed themselves in league in 1982. It was the combination of the girls' and boys' performances that created a winning team.

The group was a very close one, everybody being good friends with everybody else. That went for other schools, too. Playing "one on one" made for a closer relationship with the opponents. When it came to league finals, players from other teams were often rooting for the same ones they tried so hard to beat earlier in the season.

The team also attempted a new twist in fund raising. They, along with the baseball squads, sold Los Altos towels. The sales were fair, but the idea was widely recognized as a novel one.

The junior varsity team followed the lead of varsity and were the best in the league. They were able to win along with learning valuable skills from college-level coaches such as Anthony Figueroa and Anthony Dela Varra.

The team's biggest goal, however, was to "just have fun." They did, and captured the title in the process.

Varsity singles player Alex Tapia reaches out to return a "drop". Alex's returns were very hard to read and scored many points by catching opponents off balance.

VARSITY BADMINTON

16	Los Altos	West Covina	13
17	Los Altos	Wilson	12
18	Los Altos	Rowland	11
25	Los Altos	Walnut	4
27	Los Altos	Edgewood	2

JUNIOR VARSITY BADMINTON

21	Los Altos	West Covina	6
17	Los Altos	Wilson	12
16	Los Altos	Rowland	12
23	Los Altos	Walnut	6
21	Los Altos	Edgewood	8

◆ VARSITY BADMINTON **Front Row:** Melinda Kim, Maripi Dionisio, Dana Ringland, Linda Maeda, Michelle Dobeck, Valerie Louie, Carole Herle, Kim Ferguson. **Back Row:** Herman Lopez, Ricardo Uribe, Albert Perez, Milton Todd, Peter Sanchez. Not Pictured: Joe Polder, Paul Pontrelli, Alex Tapia.

◆ Following through with her serve, singles player Michelle Dobeck tries to start her opponent off balance. Michelle was the only girl on the varsity squad that was not a senior.

◆ Taken back to wall, varsity player Pete Sanchez returns a deep clear. Pete did very well despite his being moved around on the team.

◆ JUNIOR VARSITY BADMINTON. **Front Row:** Anna Serrano, Donna Lawrence, Darrah Falcone, Candice King, Sandy Poole, Rose Trevino, Teddi Garcia, Vicki Alesi, Blanca Dalziel, Cindy Cole. **Back Row:** Jimmy Lee, Armando Bohol, Marty Lewis, Scott Long, Pon Tanwongprasert, Mike Danganan, Eric Todd, Kevin Louie, Todd Kawakami, Ferdinand Ordona.

◆ Varsity doubles player Linda Maeda poises herself to return the expected short serve. Linda and her partner, Val Louie, had an unexpected but superb season.

C.I.F. CHAMPIONS

A Win For Everyone

Few events in the course of a school year arouse feelings as those we all experienced the night of December 11, 1982 at Anaheim Stadium. Our school was playing the grand finale of the season — the C.I.F. Southern Conference championship. To watch the game as a fan, and a student, brought out emotions rarely disclosed. We all witnessed one of the best high school football teams ever to walk onto the field simply take apart the opponent for a 31-14 triumph. However, with that win, we gained much more than just the title. Along with it came pride, pride everyone could enjoy. It felt extra good to say we were from Los Altos.

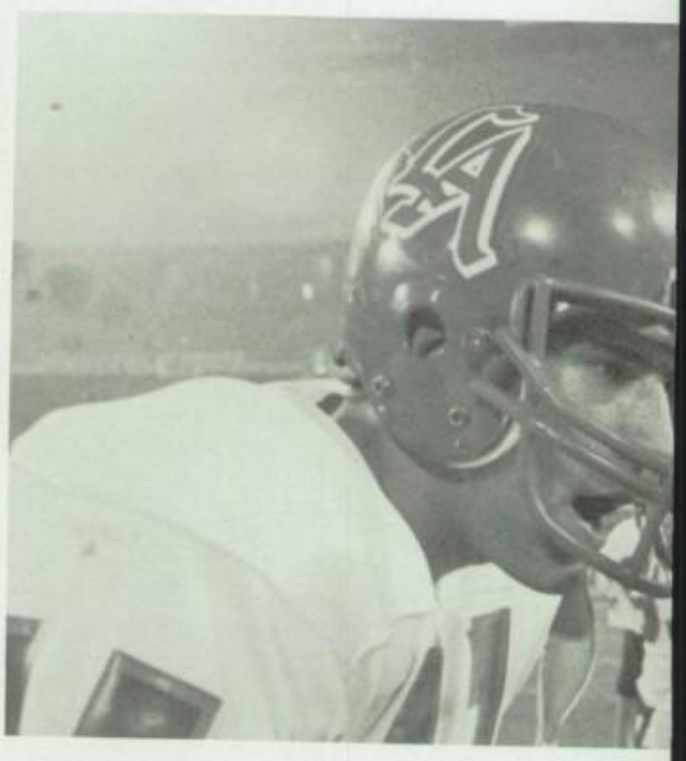
We saw history made as our quarterback, Mike Smith, set a C.I.F. pass yardage record for a single season with 3,437 yards involving 40 touchdowns. That same total set the state record, beating out the previous one of 3,391. He also threw the most pass attempts at 383 for a single season. This powerful offense was well known going into the game, and it proved itself so very well when it especially counted.

It was a great sensation to sit, and stand, in the audience and have the anxieties of a close game eliminated in the first quarter with three quick touchdowns. Remember when Esperanza got possession and proceeded to throw a long pass? The ball was in the air and Don White jumped up and intercepted it. And later, when Matt Stark caught a short pass and broke free for 70 yards to score? The game was full of thrilling moments.

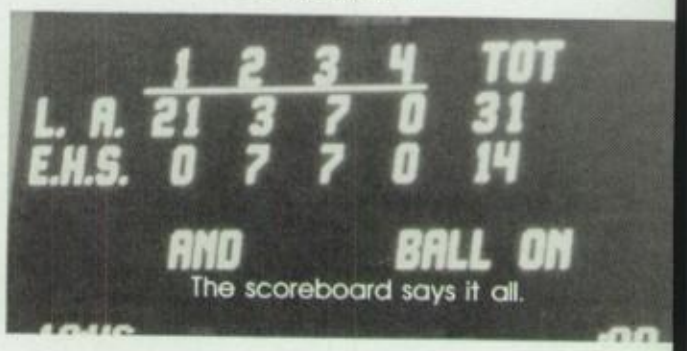
"C.I.F. champions," — it has a nice ring to it, but the players weren't the only winners. Our band was considered the best ever to have performed at a C.I.F. title game and we the fans helped set a record for the biggest turnout for a game of that kind — 20,592.

Of course, no fan could have enjoyed it as much as the players. The players were the real stars. Their achievement was superb.

We were all very priveleged to experience and participate in such an event as that was. Duplicating it will be difficult. Forgetting it will be impossible.



▲ Mike Smith is the holder of the most C.I.F. records of any one person. "We've had some great quarterbacks . . . But when I look at Mike Smith and see what he has done . . . he has to be the best." Coach DeSpain.

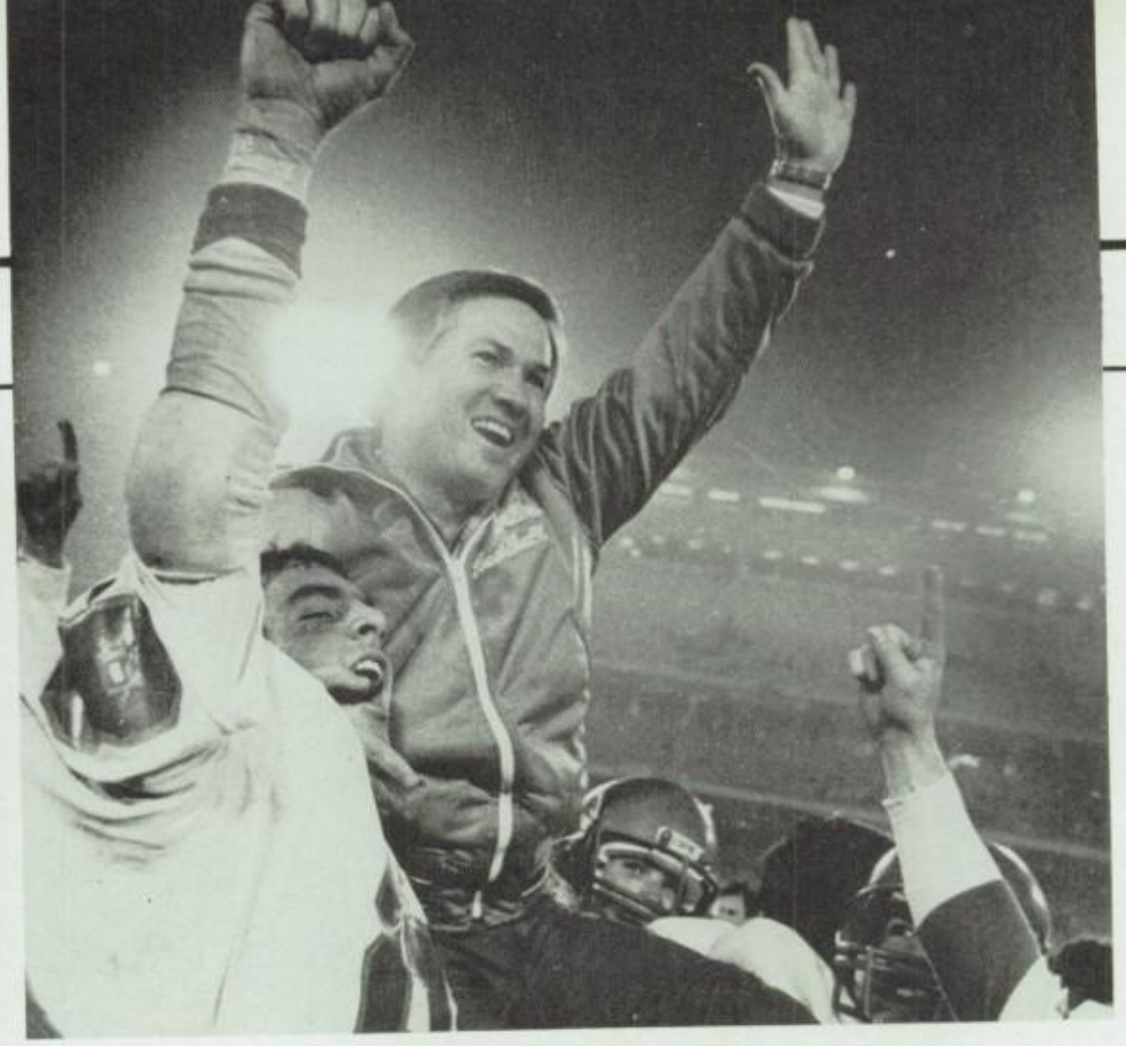


The scoreboard says it all.

❤ Though a couple of his attempts fell short, (55 and 56 yards) Andre Guardi made the points that truly counted. It was his kicking that kept us from ever losing the close games.

Wide receiver Daren Davis, at 6 feet 5 inches tall, left Esperanza defenseless. His season consisted of 70 catches, for 1,115 yards and 14 touchdowns.

One of our two outstanding runners, Phil Estrada, looks for a gap in the line. He finished the game with 51 yards on 12 runs.

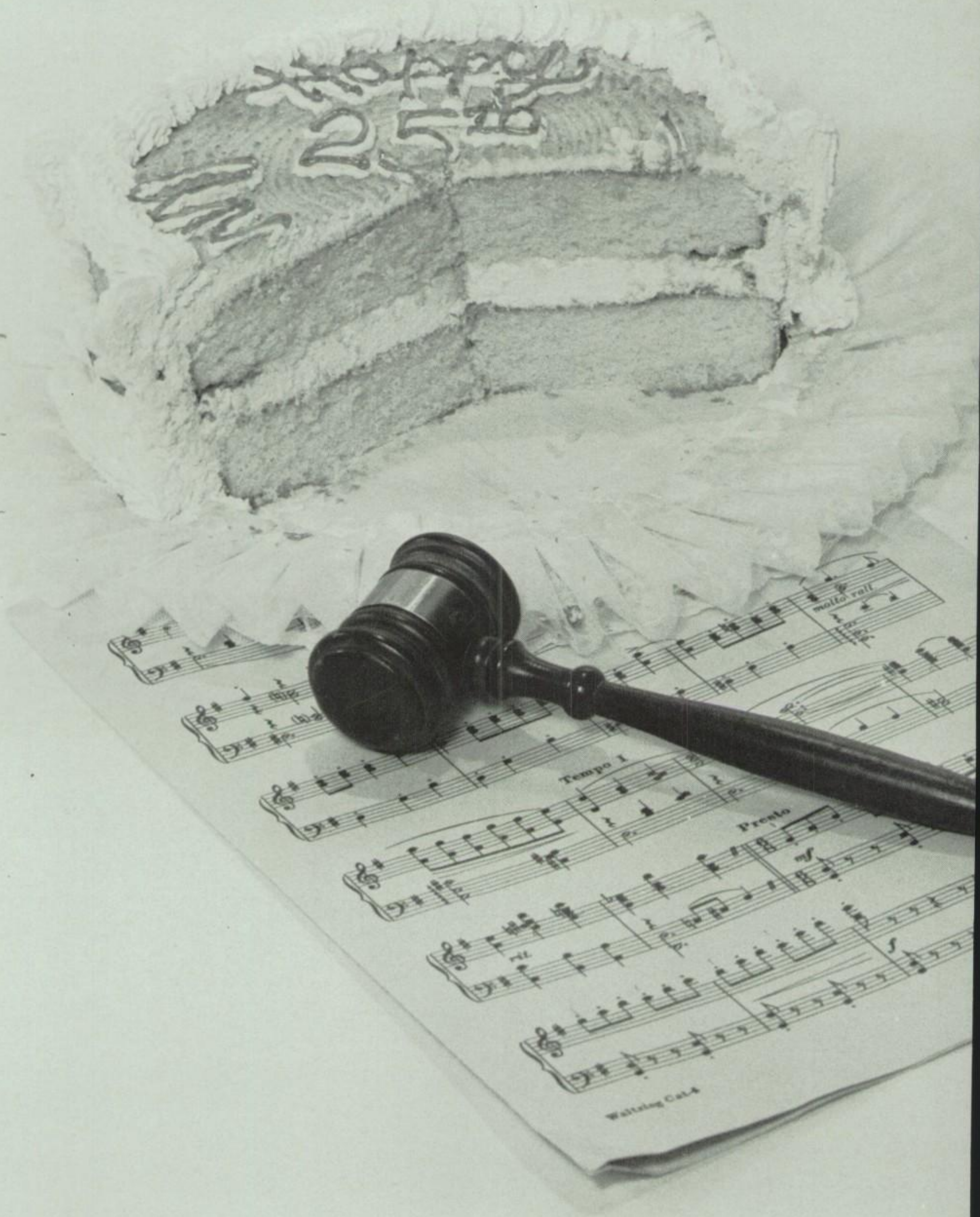


▲ C.I.F. "Coach of the Year" Dwayne DeSpain is carried off a true hero. No single coach and staff has ever won more C.I.F. titles than that of Los Altos.

▲ The night at Anaheim was not all fun and games. Injured player Al Lino is helped off the field.

▼ The thrill of victory filled the air of the Conquerors locker room. Coach Lyle Olson is caught up in the joy of the players.

◗ The line of trophies represents the powerful history of Los Altos High School football. **Inset:** The plaque that the domineering play of our team earned for the school.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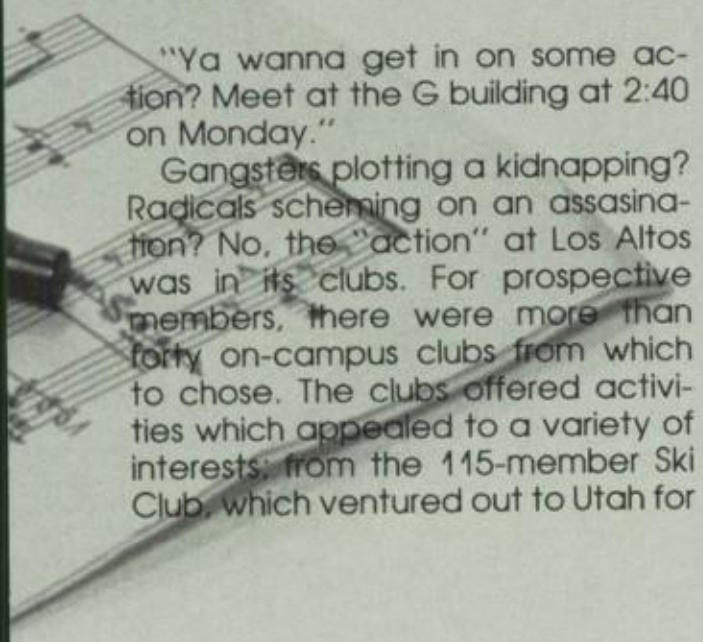
A Piece of the Action

Clubs And Organizations

By Karen Sheriff, Jay Tarango, Andy Ulmer



"Ya wanna get in on some action? Meet at the G building at 2:40 on Monday."

Gangsters plotting a kidnapping? Radicals scheming on an assasination? No, the "action" at Los Altos was in its clubs. For prospective members, there were more than forty on-campus clubs from which to chose. The clubs offered activities which appealed to a variety of interests; from the 115-member Ski Club, which ventured out to Utah for fresh powder, to the intellectual Radio-Computer Computer Club, which ventured into a technological world of bits, bytes and amperes.

It seemed that the many clubs didn't lack for membership, either!

"I think it's neat how almost everybody's involved in a club, or band, or something like that," said junior Julie Berry. And along with increased membership came increased activity, as the Inter-Organization Council (IOC) required each club to hold meetings at least fifteen times per year. The IOC also had each club sponsor an event open to the whole school. Drama Club, for example, prepared two productions, attracting audiences of all ages. The Dirtworkers had a pottery show, and the Key and Keywanette Clubs sponsored their annual blood drive.

Yes, if anyone wanted some excitement, he or she could find a piece of the action in the clubs and organizations.

Varsity Band Around And Back

▲ Marching down Los Robles, the Los Altos Conqueror Band prepares for the Rose Parade. Many hours of practice went into getting ready for the parade.

▲ Accepting the Sweepstakes award at the Band-O-Rama, Cathy Irons, Monica Johnson, Robert Hoffman, and Tina Brown stand proudly. Accepting awards is not an unfamiliar situation for the superb band.

On August 19, 1982, one hundred eighty-two members of the Los Altos Conqueror Band and entertainment units left Los Angeles for a two-week tour of Great Britain.

Their first performance was to be held at an indoor auditorium in Sterling. Due to delays, the concert was cancelled. When the band arrived, they were as disappointed as the spectators, so to please themselves and the spectators the band performed outside and received a well-earned ovation.

After the Sterling concert, the band had the honor of performing in the Festival of Calvacade, which is similar to our Rose Parade. The band went on to perform in the Ross Open Air Theater, the Steam Expo '82, and participated in many other events.

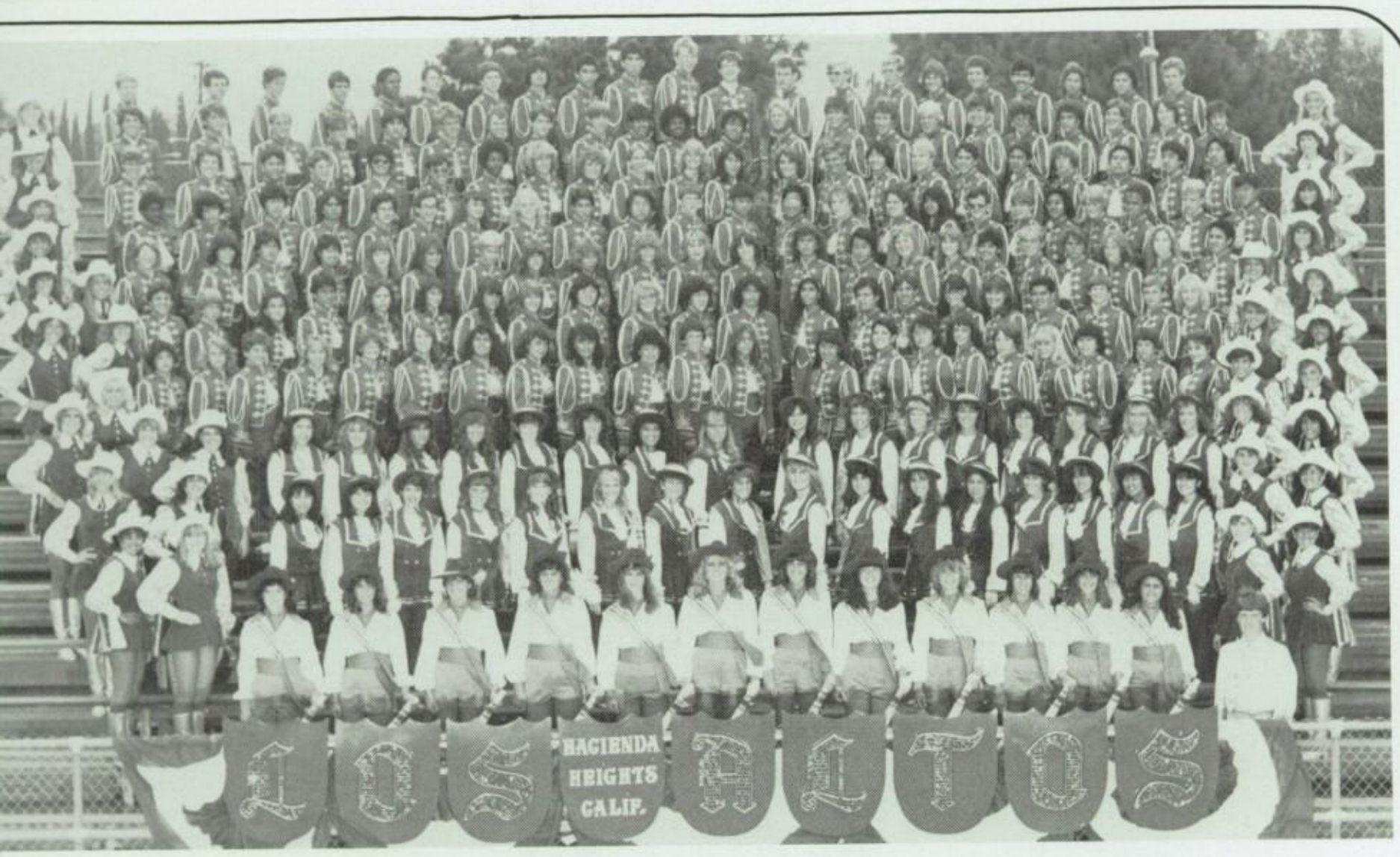
While overseas, the band stayed in many beautiful universities such as St. Andrews and Egam. They also visited London's Warwich Castle and many other well-known spots.

On September second, it was time for the band and units to leave Great Britain. When they arrived back at Los Altos, the band was greeted by a surprise party given by the Band Boosters.

Although they had only a week to recuperate before school began, the band and units came out as high-spirited and exuberant as ever at the first football game and strutted in fine style at events such as the Rams football game, the Rose Parade, and the C.I.F. championship football game.

This year, the Los Altos Conqueror Band and entertainment units have made Los Altos and the community proud by winning over 35 awards and medals. They also have been named the Official Youth Band Representative of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee for the 1983 year.

All this would indicate that the Los Altos band is without doubt one of the best around.



▲ VARSITY BAND. **Front Row:** Laurie Atagi, Deborah Spangler, Mike Poltorak, Stacy Voll, Sira Stenberg, Becky Mudra, Diana Valazquez, Marisa Anderson, Jean Cho, Julie Ochoa, Jay Garcia, Jordonna Rosen, Nancy Choung, Pauline Torres, Gloria Sun, Laura Maner, Eric Moser, Susan Voss, Alta Rodriguez, Larry Miller, Holly Pierce. **Second Row:** Doug Levens, Dean Dutton, Penny Gonzalez, Chris Lopez, Chris Holland, Michelle Smith, Kelly Goodspeed, Cathy Huff, Judy Lee, Noel Brenneman, Lani Nishida, Sandra Ruiz, Jasmine Amar, Roxanne Almeida, Paul Rosen, Jodi Barrett, Laurie Jennings, Alex Mendoza, Chris Taylor, Terry Hugus, Darcy Smith. **Third Row:** Chrissie Jordan, Tammy Peoples, David Bohannon, Susan Young, Trisha Green, Sarah Rippy, Bobby Whitmer, Cherie Pipkin, Julie Hildenbrandt, Shannon Reid, Kim Cowley, Laura Leets, Lori Sonnevelt, Al Yanagisowa, Pam Davis, Susan Hernandez, Lita Avila, Sandi Ramaker, Dana Ringland, Lisa Annan, Carol Schmus, Mike Cole. **Fourth Row:** Norman Elliot, Teed Tabor, David Baik, James Flores, Chris Espinosa, Gary Coppa, Linda Weldele, Cindy Berends, Bill Fice, John Won, Mike Taylor, Eric Mad, Ken Kubo, Beverly Coleman, Linda Chavez, Lynn Monreal, Matt Tyler, James Matz, Victor Bautista, Ann Svedeen, Gary Brown, Ralph Zastrow, John Baik. **Fifth Row:** Jeff La Mastus, Bill Farley, Tom Castillo, Wayne Kokleys, Eric Arakaki, Chris Coppa, Wesley Smith, Shelli Droe, Kerrie Starke, Bruce Walker, Kim Whitmer, Frances Yang, Janine Adams, Ruben Frank, Jimmy Lee, Brian Olea, Jonathan Chang, Kanji Hayashi. **Sixth Row:** Russ Kline, Bill Kipp, Mike Wilson, Dean Graham, Bob Pipkin, Doug Nason, Howard King, Callum Eastwood, Dan Chronis, Brian Sanchez, Kenny Crawford, Larry Kwok, David Duffy, Dean Reese, Eliot Hoffman, Dave Henkle, Rob Daleo, David Barrett, Trent Newton, Tom Mericle, David King, Luis Salazar. **Back Row:** Jeff Locke, Charles Fults, Jeff Grobecker, Bob Richardson, Mark Richmond, Eddie Pollard, Dean Gatons, John Wentz, Rod Arellano, Brent Anderson, David Clonts, Robert Kirklin, Lee Burkhart, Frank Starke, Mike King, Kevin Droe, Ramon Arroyo, Henry Miller, Ulises Alcala, Mark Rumbaugh.

▲ Throughout the year, L.A.'s percussion group was undefeated. This came from a lot of hard work and devotion. Tim Gilman and Jordon Woodruff practice hard during Jazz Band II.

▲ Concert Band is for the less experienced players who are developing their skills. Members of the saxophone section include Ulises Alcala, Lori Sondevalt, and Wesley Smith.

▲ Pauline Torres, a new French horn player, worked very hard this year learn a new instrument. Being a part of the band takes a lot of tim devotion, and hard work.

Did you ever wonder why there was Marching Band first semester and concert bands second semester? The reason is football season. During the fall semester, the marching Varsity Band performs half-time shows for football games, attends field show tournaments, parades, and band reviews and makes guest appearances at professional football games. After football season is over, just before Christmas vacation, everyone in the Varsity Band receives a technical etude (a prepared piece) plus a number of major scales and a chromatic scale to audition for one of the concert bands. Everyone must be involved with at least one of the three concert bands - Concert Band, Symphonic Band, or Wind Ensemble. In order to be placed in one of the bands, each student must audition in front of a college grad student or a working professional musician who then rates the student according to his or her ability and skill. The auditions are held during the first and second weeks of January and are ranked as follows: Concert Band for the less experienced players who have a solid grasp of basic skills; Wind Ensemble admits the best players that are the most highly developed musicians and consist mainly of upperclassmen.

During the second semester, the concert bands are geared for several activities. They give concerts and attend festivals. The festivals can be one of two types: to hear other bands or to have their band evaluated. Members enjoy either kind.

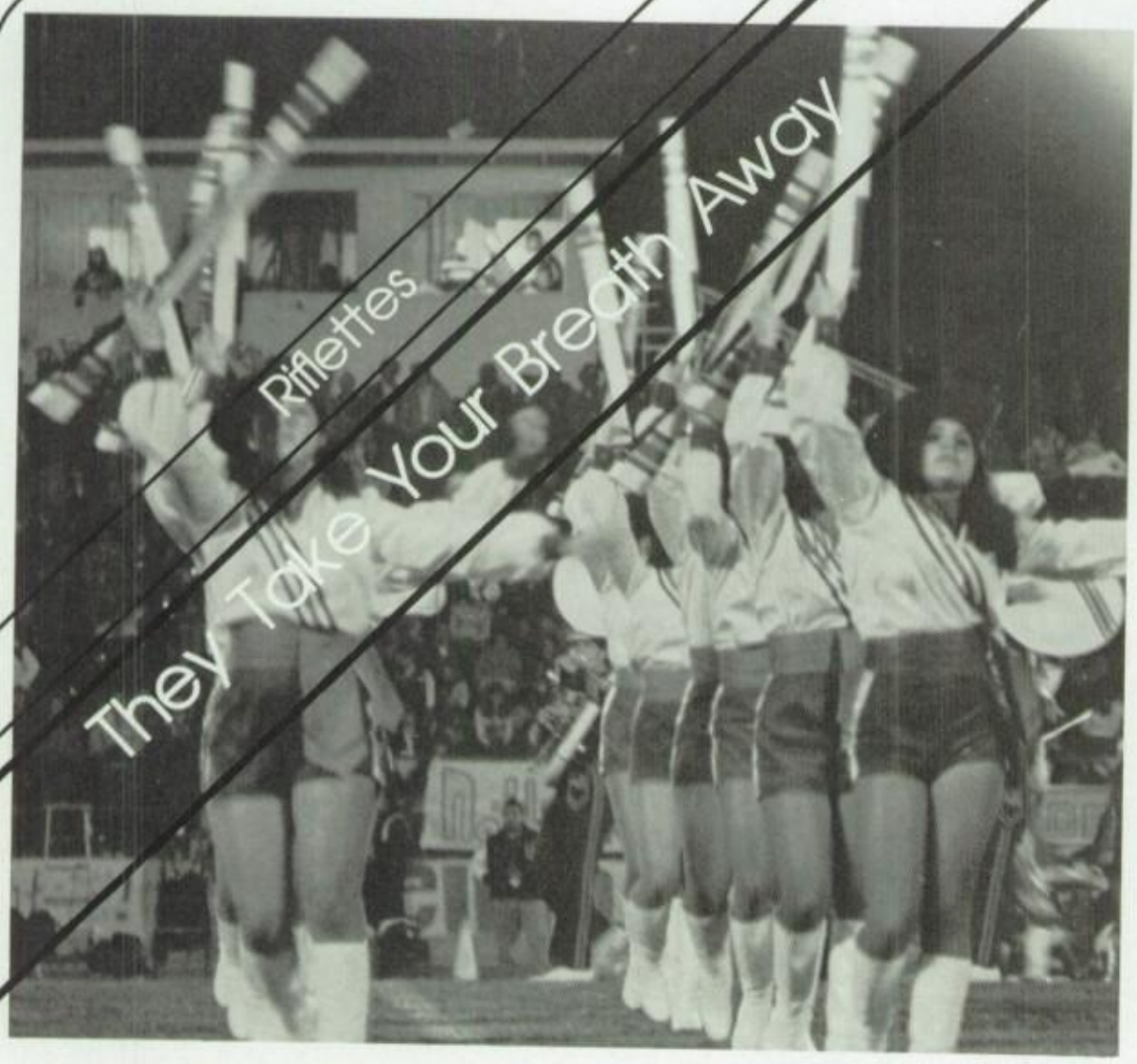
Advisor Mr. Gunderson commented, "I am extremely pleased with the steady progress in playing ability that our students have shown in the past year; we really have some outstanding talent. Talent combined with teamwork will produce some fine concert performances. And, we think, a powerful and exciting band for next fall's marching season."

Said Bruce Walker, a two year member of Symphonic Band, "It was a good experience and prepared me for the world of Wind Ensemble."

Doug Nason, a member of the highest band said, "At first I was glad I made Wind Ensemble; then I wasn't so sure because I had to learn difficult pieces and practice so much. But it all paid off because I got to do a lot of things and I liked the people in the band."

▲ As a freshman, Jordonna Rosen and Elizabeth Trujillo are members of L.A.'s concert band. The majority of the concert band includes freshmen.

▲ For being Los Altos' band director for only two years, Mr. Gunderson has devoted those two years to the band. Los Altos is very lucky to have a man as dedicated as Mr. Gunderson.



It certainly was a successful year for the Riflettes. They did an outstanding job with their extraordinary performances. To cap their achievements, they won the title of Southern California Rifle Champions. Boasting an undefeated year, the Riflettes amassed triumphs which included Sweepstakes at the Savanna Field Show tournament; first place at the Tournament of Champions, South-Western Specialties clinic; and first place at Santa Barbara tall flag and rifle camp.

They also received a superior trophy for their performance at summer camp. They performed in the 1983 Rose Parade, which was the first time rifle squads were allowed to perform in that event.

Such accomplishments did not come without continuous hard work and discipline on the part of the twelve members. They were especially pressured during the football season and during the days preceding a tournament. The squad met every day during fourth period and every Thursday night from five to nine.

Being a Riflette was certainly a tough job, but all the awards and acclaims were most gratifying.

▲ Doing their thing during a halftime show, the Riflettes show their fine style. They remained undefeated in field competition.

▲ RIFLETTES. **Bottom Row:** Andrea Gutierrez, Gina Jakob, Susan Gomez, Cris Benavides, Lori Richman. **Top Row:** Tina Brown, Teresa Coley, Debbie Boerlin, Robin Coleman, Ann Jamison.

▲ Performing on the field, Riflettes and Letterettes operate as a team. Precision is essential.

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When you hear Letterettes you think of those cute girls marching in lines all over the football field during halftime carrying poles with red, white, and blue flags on them. It's not all fun and

"Strongest and closest group, also most talented."

Mrs. Nacey Embrey

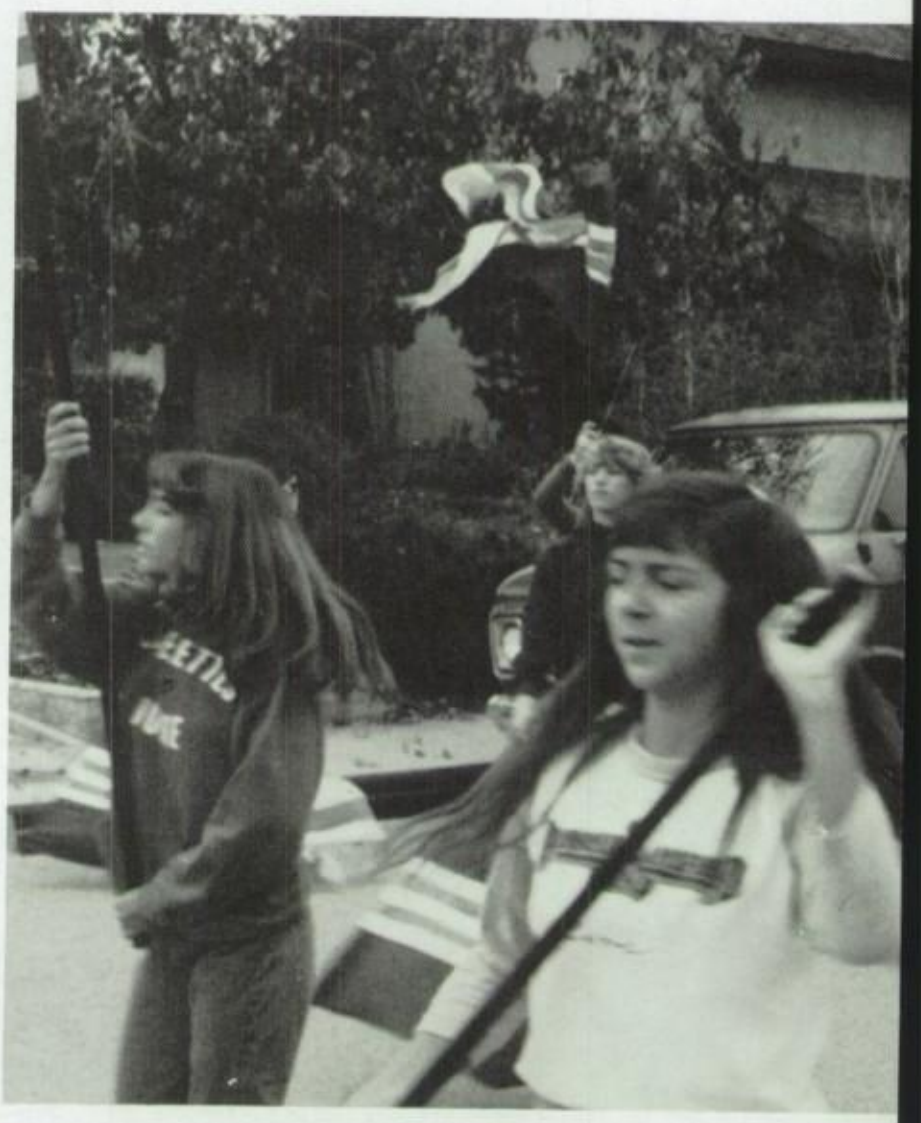
games to the Letterettes, a competition that week, Letterettes practiced even harder. This was outside of class time during 4th period.

Mrs. Nancey Embrey, the advisor and coordinator says "All the moves the girls do have to go with the music, which is a difficult task."

The Letterettes consist of thirty-three girls during the football season. Throughout the rest of the year they are known as the Lightning Crew, which is twenty of the best girls that compete with other schools to find the best color guard squad. Now you can't think that being a Letterette is a piece of cake. They don't just twirl the

▲ Loads of practice is what goes on fourth period for the Letterettes. Everything is timed to perfection; timing is very crucial to keep the act up to par.

▲ Nearing the end of half-time during the CIF game at Anaheim Stadium, it's time for the grand finale, the exchange between the Letterettes and the Riflettes. This exchange took many hours of planning.



▲ Getting ready to participate in one of the largest parades in the United States, the Letterettes practice diligently. The Letterettes had to march ten miles to get in shape for the Rose Parade.

Twirling Talents

Letterettes

flags and march around. Their moves are all choreographed and well rehearsed before we get to see the final outcome of their grand performance at football games and tournaments. "Its like doing acrobatics!" said Mrs. Embry. Mr. Gunderson, director for L.A., said, "The Letterettes are very fortunate to have Nancy Embrey as their advisor." He went on to say, "She is one of the best leaders in Southern California and she is also a former studend of Los Altos."

His final comment was, "The Letterettes consist of 33 attractive, intelligent, tallented girls who work with Nancy Embrey's talent."

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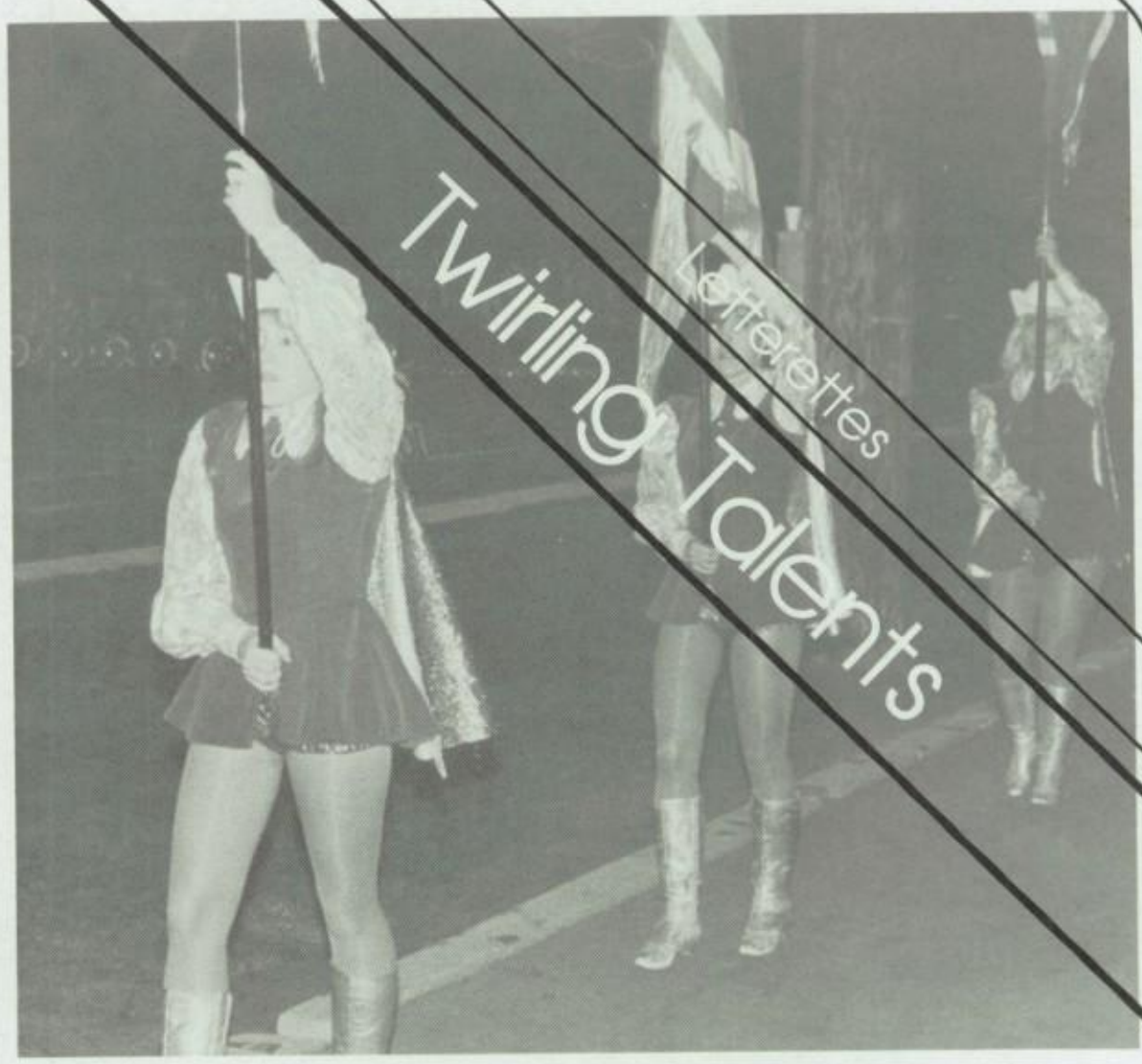
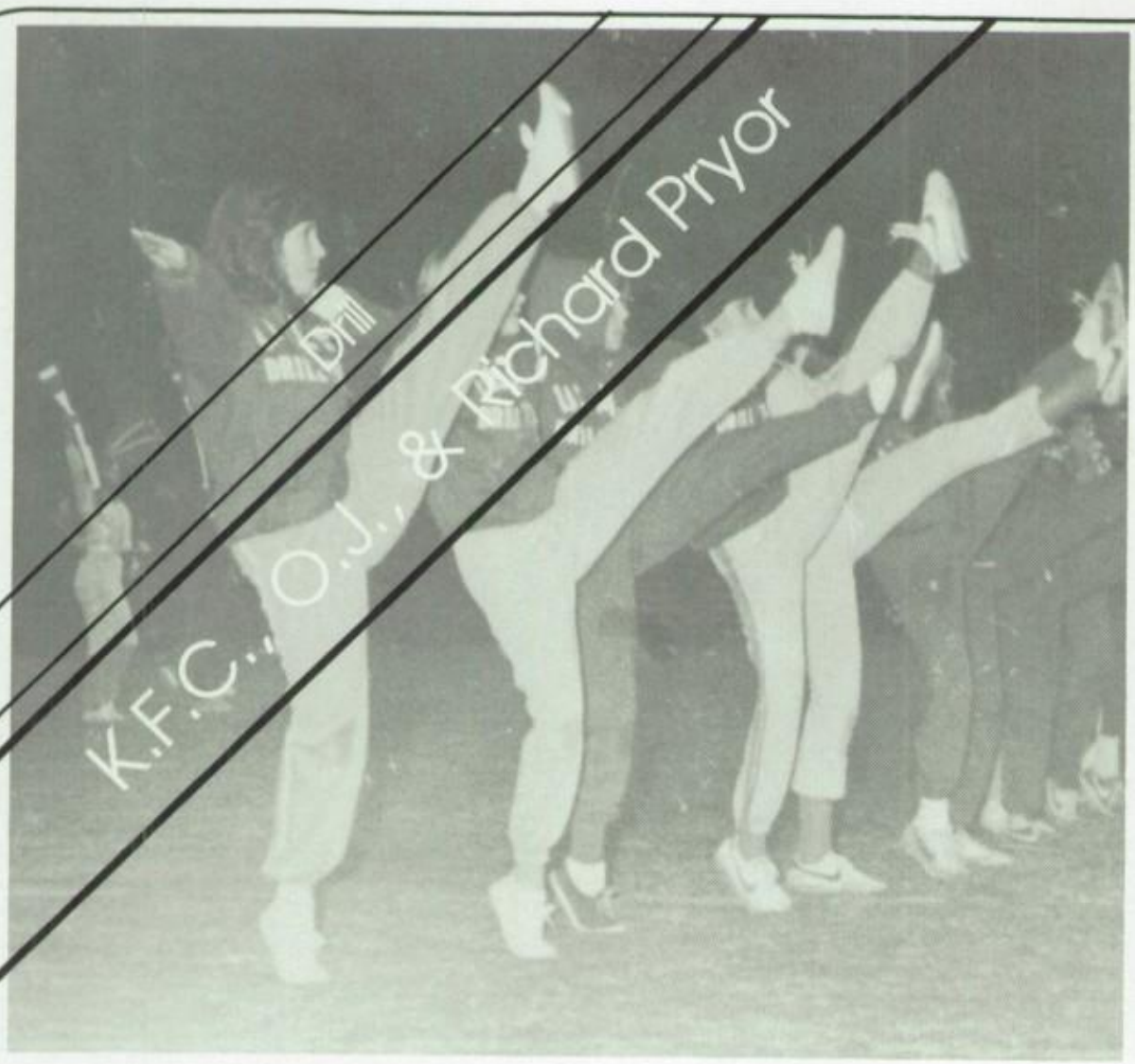


▶ Getting ready to perform at the Los Altos half-time tournament, Kara Mahaffey, Colette Pourian, and Mary Ludwiczak eagerly await their performance. The Letterettes worked hard for many weeks to perform exciting shows for football games and tournaments.

▲ LETTERETTES. **Front Row:** Linda Mar, Cindi Berry, Monica Johnson, Lori Lechlitner. **Second Row:** Stephanie Williams, Mary Ludwiczak, Michelle Stone, Kara Mahaffey, Colette Pourian, Deanna Boerlin, Caron Fice, Jennifer Lee, Lisa Casas, Kathy Mar. **Third Row:** Monique Christensen, Terese Coy, Lisa Passwater, Violet Ortega, Cindy Delgado, Heather Amberg, Macy Wright, Linda Easton, Julie Del Rey, Emmy Sinatra. **Top Row:** Audra Koklys, Kelly Schrock, Pat Allen, Sharon Clonts, Evette Grimsley, Carrie Lynn Wade, Lori Hair, Sam Wood.

K.F.C., O.J., & Richard Pryor



▲ Kicking as high as they can, drill team members practice their kick line. The drill team gets a great response from the audience when they perform this stunt.

▲ DRILL TEAM. **Front Row:** Lori Fuhriman, Lieutenant, Cathy Irons, Captain, Andra Dent, Lieutenant. **Second Row:** Linda Maeda, Susan Dadisman, Krista Schroeder, Staci Spillman, Jami Sentani, Lisa Okimoto, Tracy Uhl, Marlene Ludwiczak, Sonia Frando. **Third Row:** Christine Olvera, Shawn Stockwell, Salena Hermasillo, Beth Knowles, Carrie Chow, Lori Kowitz, Kim Burgess, Stephanie Kline, Darrah Falcone, Tina Rodriguez. **Back Row:** Debby Mancino, June Grubbs, Kim Towler, Anne Semmer, Julie Noble, Jenny Olsen, Lisa Carletello, Lisa Plank, Karen Wheeler, Gena Pena.

"Ringgg" the alarm clock signaled 7:00 A.M. on the morning of the San Diego Tournament. I dragged my tired body out of bed, for it was Saturday, and it had been a long, drawn out week. I attempted to wake myself up with a warm shower and thoughts of the trip on the double-decker "fun buses" that the Boosters had rented for the band. That thought did a pretty good job; it at least helped me keep my eyes open.

Rushing around, I finally packed all the junk I wanted to bring for the trip then I glanced at the clock on the kitchen oven: 8:47! I raced into my parents' bedroom without even knocking, and shook my mom to wake her up. "Mom, Mom, wake up," I whispered. "You have to drive me to school." All I heard as a response was a barely audible grunt as she rolled over to the other side. I looked up at the ceiling and closed my eyes thinking, "Why me?" I then ran to my dad's side of the bed and shook him in between snores. "Dad, Dad, wake up. You have to drive me to school." Without opening his eyes, he replied, "Ask your mother." I looked at the ceiling again. "Please, Daddy."

Finally, Dad and I were getting into the blue Buick Regal heading toward school. To my surprise, they had just started loading the equipment onto the buses; it was already 9:20, twenty minutes late.

After I kissed my dad good-bye and thanked him for driving me, I hopped on the one bus where all my drill team friends were. Giggling, we reported to each other all our morning happenings.

In about a half hour, everyone and everything were aboard the three buses. Orange juice and Twinkies were served to tide us over until we were to eat our lunch of Kentucky fried chicken.

Eating a Twinkie, I sat with my friend watching Popeye. It was great! There was a T.V. at every third seat.

After everyone began to get restless, the movie screen lit up the faces of Richard Pryor and Gene Wilder, in "Stir Crazy." Then, at the end of the two-and-a-half hour ride, we arrived at Mount Carmel where we were to perform. Everyone on drill team was happily looking forward to performing in the parade and field competition. (Usually, we don't perform in the parade competition.)

After the judging, the band members marched onto the buses taking their old seats. It was getting late and we were all sleepy. We didn't mess around as much with the bus driver; we just talked and watched "Cannonball Run."

I was half asleep as we pulled in the school parking lot at 1:00 a.m. Somehow I managed to amble from the bus to the Buick, and finally to my familiar bed. It was a day to remember.

▲ Practicing for the Official Youth Olympic Band tournament, Susan Dadisman, Anne Semmer, Karen Wheeler, Lori Fuhriman, and Lori Kowitz flow through their routine. The band practiced for 4 hours on the Thursday before the tournament to be in top shape.

▲ Working together on their routines, Sonia Frando, Susan Dadisman, and Anne Semmer practice for half-time shows. One outstanding characteristic of the drill team is their ability to work together.

◀ Thinking about her next move, Lori Fuhriman watches her instructor. The drill team practiced every Tuesday night from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

▲ The kitchen in the Clarence Day household was a popular scene in the play "Life With Father." Here the characters eat breakfast during an emotional scene.

▲ Rehearsing their roles, Arnoldo Molina and Paul Champommier have their lines down to a tee. Memorizing lines is a big part of drama because one misspoken line can mess up the whole cast.

▶ Rehearsing in the Hacienda, Mr. Becker instructs students on their lines. Mr. Becker uses much of his spare time to help make the play a success.

Behind The Scenes

Drama Club

Soon after school started in September, the Drama Club got under way. The call went out encouraging students to try out for the first play of the year, "Life With Father."

At the audition, there was an abundant supply of girls, which was greatly appreciated. But to the dismay of the advisor, Mr. Becker, only ten boys tried out, leaving four male roles still open. To remedy this situation, Mr. Becker, along with Drama Club members, recruited students to participate in the play by passing the word and by holding extra tryouts to give the students more chances to become a part of the cast.

Finally, there were enough students to begin producing the play. For the next two months, they won on every Monday and Wednesday night, the club met for three hours in the Hacienda to rehearse lines and try out new ideas.

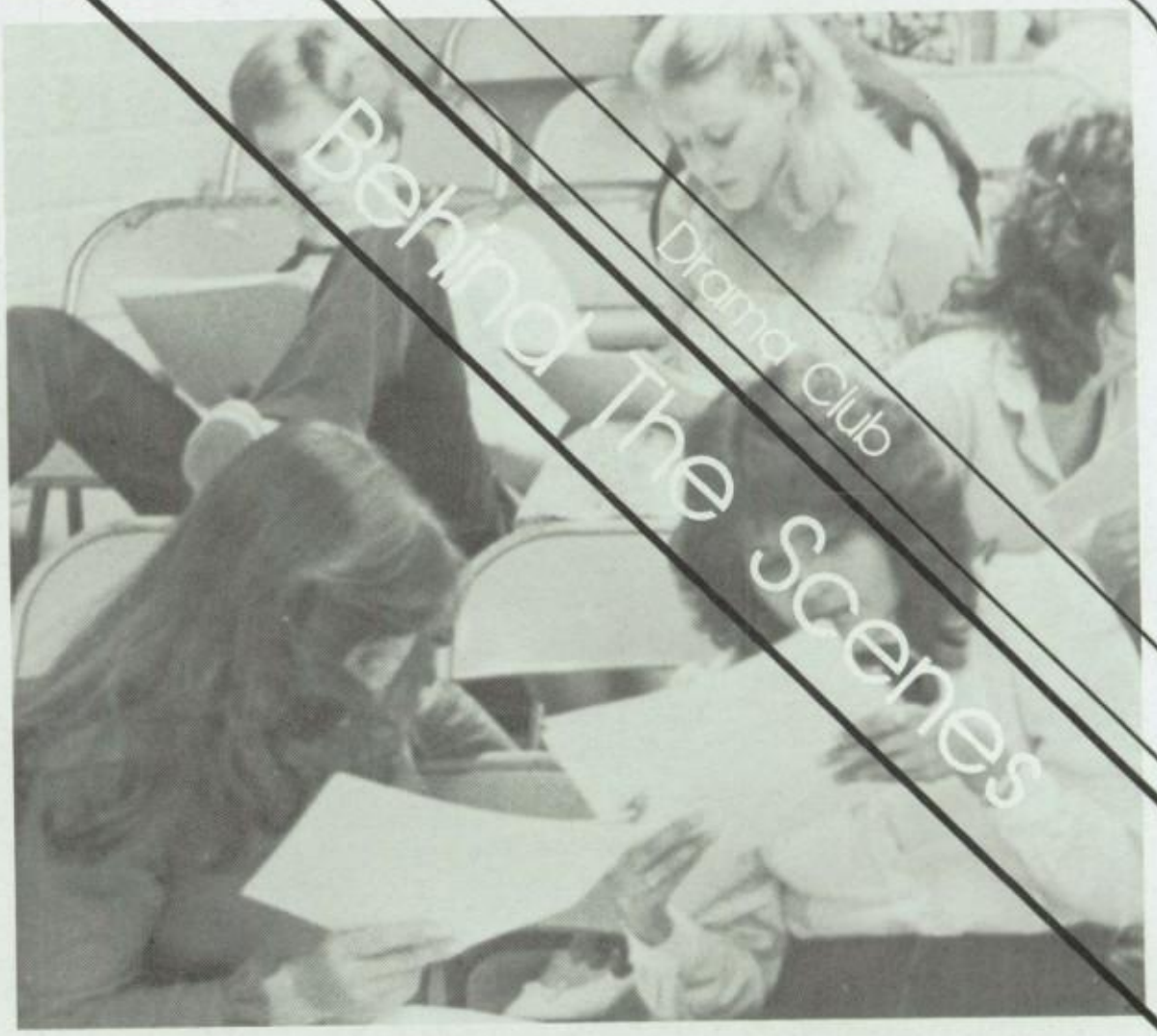
After two months, the actors were ready to perform. Costume fitting, stage make-up, and line learning were perils of the past. Now it was time for tension, time for butterflies in the stomach, time for feeling apprehensive about remembering cues and lines, because now it was time for the four performances in front of relatives and friends.

Although there were a few goof-ups with lines, the play was a hit.

"Considering most of us haven't been on the stage before, overall I think it went fairly well."

Cindy Jimenez

The feelings of apprehension were changed to feelings of excitement and pride as the audience gave the actors a standing ovation. The performance deserved nothing less.



Practicing their lines before the auditions, Robert Haffman and Mary Sanchez anxiously wait their call.

DRAMA CLUB: **Front Row;** Robert Hoffman, Diane Hoover, Michelle Weger, Heather Finch, Dianne Orchard, Libby Groom, Ben Perez, **Back Row;** Cindy Jimenez, Sarah Rippy, Alice Ameluxen, Jeff Locke, Rered Kiflawi, Maria Delgado.

Lunch was in full swing. Through the windows of the A.S.B. office we could see students milling about. Mr. Godfrey, the new activities director, was trying to coordinate all of the frenzied action.

As we walked into the A.S.B. office, Carrie Wade was on the telephone making sure last year's Homecoming Queen would be present at the Homecoming celebration. The senior class president, Debby Mancino, was busy sorting senior class shirts. At the desk, we observed Sylvia Reyes, Secretary of School Spirit, helping an athlete get cleared to participate in sports. There were other A.S.B. students waiting to use the phone. They were trying to obtain a band to play at lunchtime during Wilson spirit week. The band chosen was the Darrell Mansfield Band. This was a big success in keeping students entertained during lunch. This typical A.S.B. office scene could be observed any day before school, during lunch, or after school.

▲ Transporting the votes for the freshman elections, Michelle Campbell and Lori Kowitz have a few hours of tallying to do.

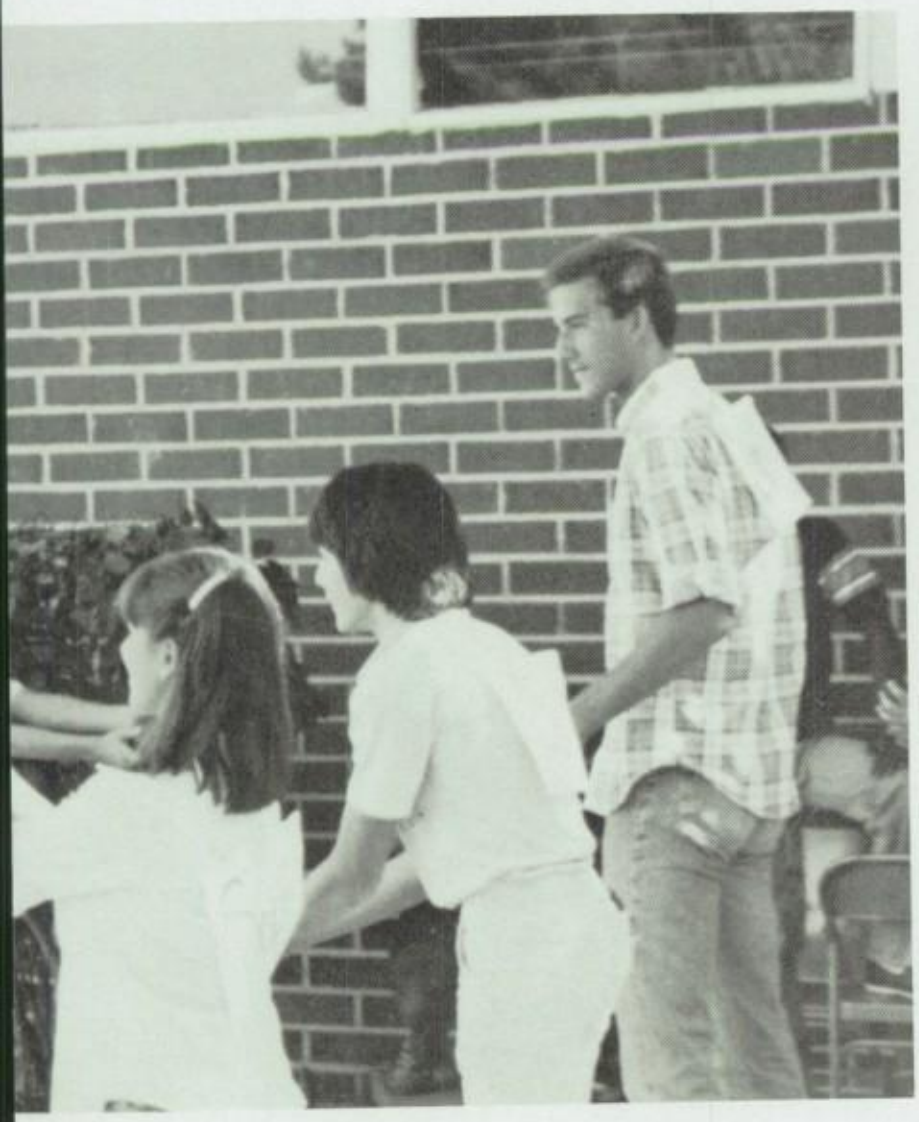
▲ ASB CABINET. **Back Row:** Linda Easton, Heather Amberg, Carrie Wade, Mike Smith, Tucker Schork, Cindy Berry. **Second Row:** Sylvia Reyes, Karen Voss, Robert Hoffman, Tim Flink, Michele Campbell, Lori Kowitz. **Front Row:** Sandy Zapien, Debby Mancino, Kim Lechlitner. Not pictured: Lori Lechlitner.

▲ Water balloon throwing is one of the many events held by the A.S.B. cabinet during Spirit Week. Nancy Hemsworth, Tim Flink, Sylvia Reyes, Lawrence Olea, and Mike Smith participate.

"This has been an exciting year for Los Altos students. Our choral groups, band, football, basketball, tennis, cross country, and baseball teams have all had record-breaking years. They also have adjusted quite well to the raised academic standards and competencies," expressed Mr. Godfrey.

This year we had floats at the Homecoming to get the classes more involved at the beginning of the year. "This year's Homecoming dance was one of our best after-game dances we have ever had," said Mr. Godfrey.

"This is a first year for a majority of the cabinet members. They have gained valuable leadership experience during first semester. After feeling more secure with their individual job responsibilities, they have focused their united attention on school and campus improvement," said Linda Easton. These improvements were an asset to our school.



▲ Counting ballots for freshman class officers, Robert Haffman, Lori Kowitz, and Michelle Chambell, work for hours until the tallies are all in.

▲ Enjoying "An Evening With Einstein," Mr. Mauch and Mr. Manning take time out to talk to ASB president Mike Smith.

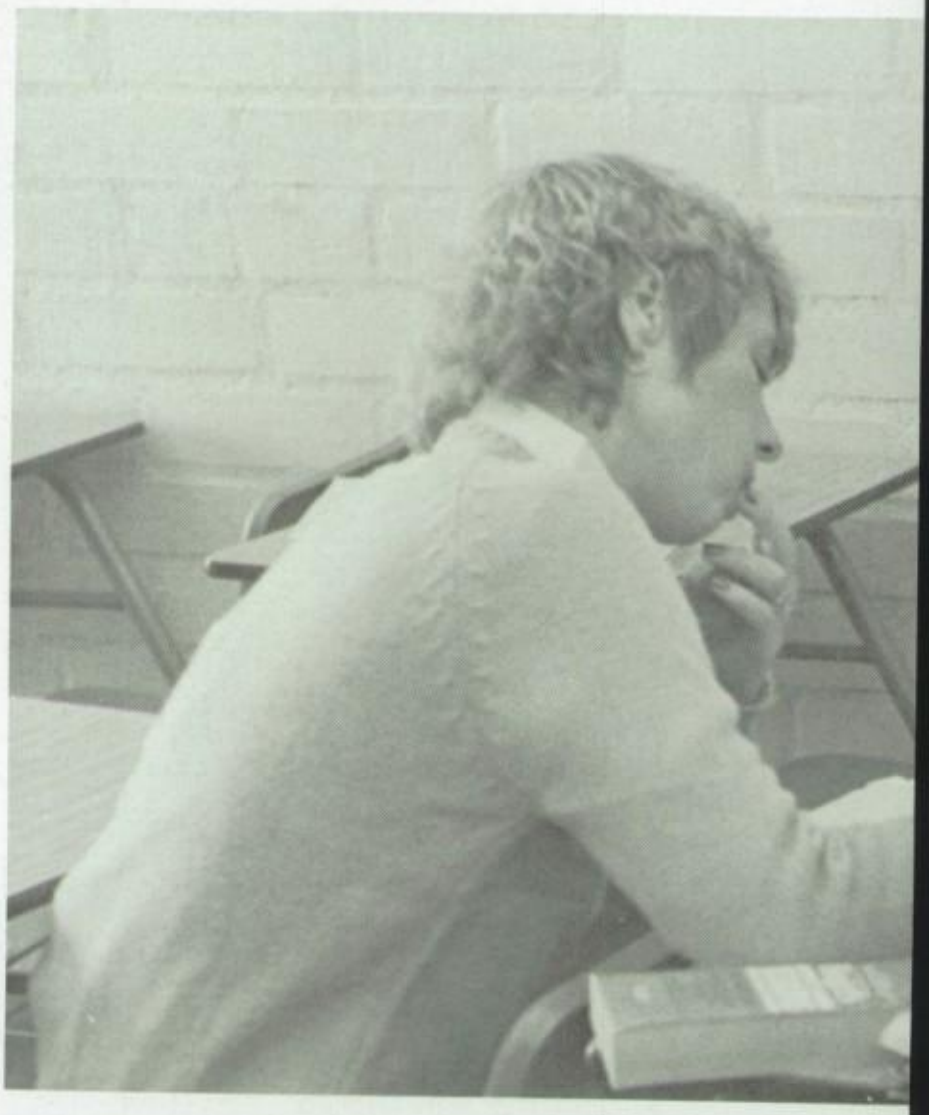
Who's the latest addition to the Annual Staff? It's Mrs. Judy Price. Mrs. Price has been at Los Altos for four years. She began her teaching at Willow Junior High teaching L.H., (Learning Handicapped,) classes, until Los Altos began their Special Day class four years ago. Mrs. Price, along with Mr. Twitchell, the department head, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Barret, Mr. Franz, and Mrs. Christman, help Special Education students build self-esteem and confidence, along with teaching the students the basic fundamentals of learning.

When Mrs. Price was asked why she joined the Annual Staff she replied, "I wanted to get involved with students outside of Special Ed."

Mrs. Price is most definitely qualified for her position on the Annual Staff. (Co-advisor.) She was the co-editor of her high school yearbook, while in the same year she was also business manager. Although there were only about one hundred students at Willow City High School, Willow City, North Dakota where Mrs. Price attended, business manager and co-editor are quite a responsibility.

▲ Writing photo requests, Tanya Kalpakoff and Ingrid Kircher decide what photos are needed. Photo requests are made to photography members as assignments for them, while helping the Annual Staff by taking needed pictures.

▲ Helping Mrs. Price with the billing of the ads, Mrs. Rego, advisor, looks into the problem. Selling ads is the major fundraiser for the yearbook.



▲ Suggesting ideas for a story, Mrs. Price, assistant advisor, helps Dean Gatons and Leticia Montoya. An objective view of an advisor is always appreciated while writing stories.

This year Mrs. Price has been a great asset to the young staff. She has helped greatly with the advertising section, the annual candy sales, and also worked individually with students.

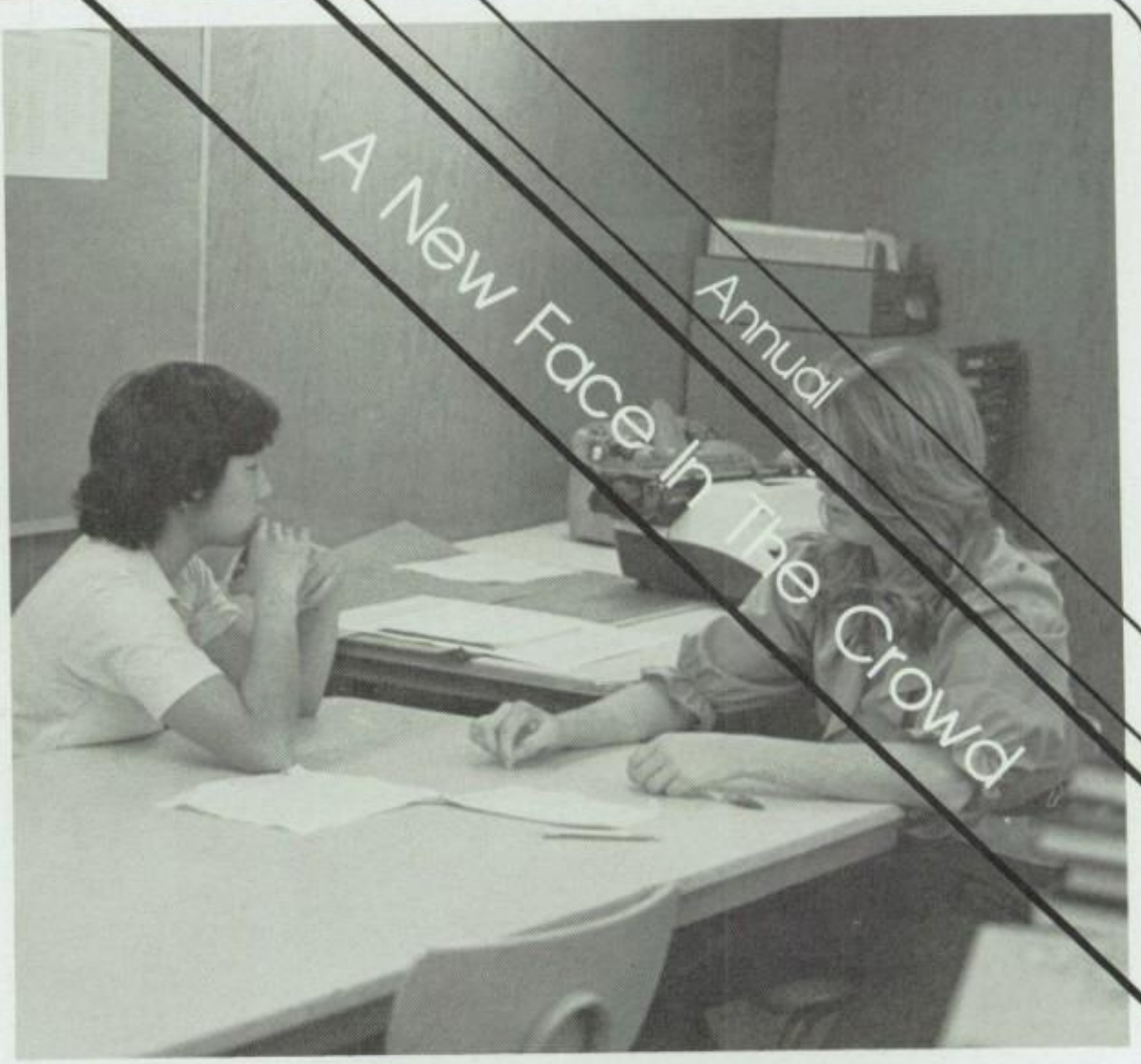
Mrs. Price unselfishly gave up her time and her assistance was invaluable. She also related very well with the staff.

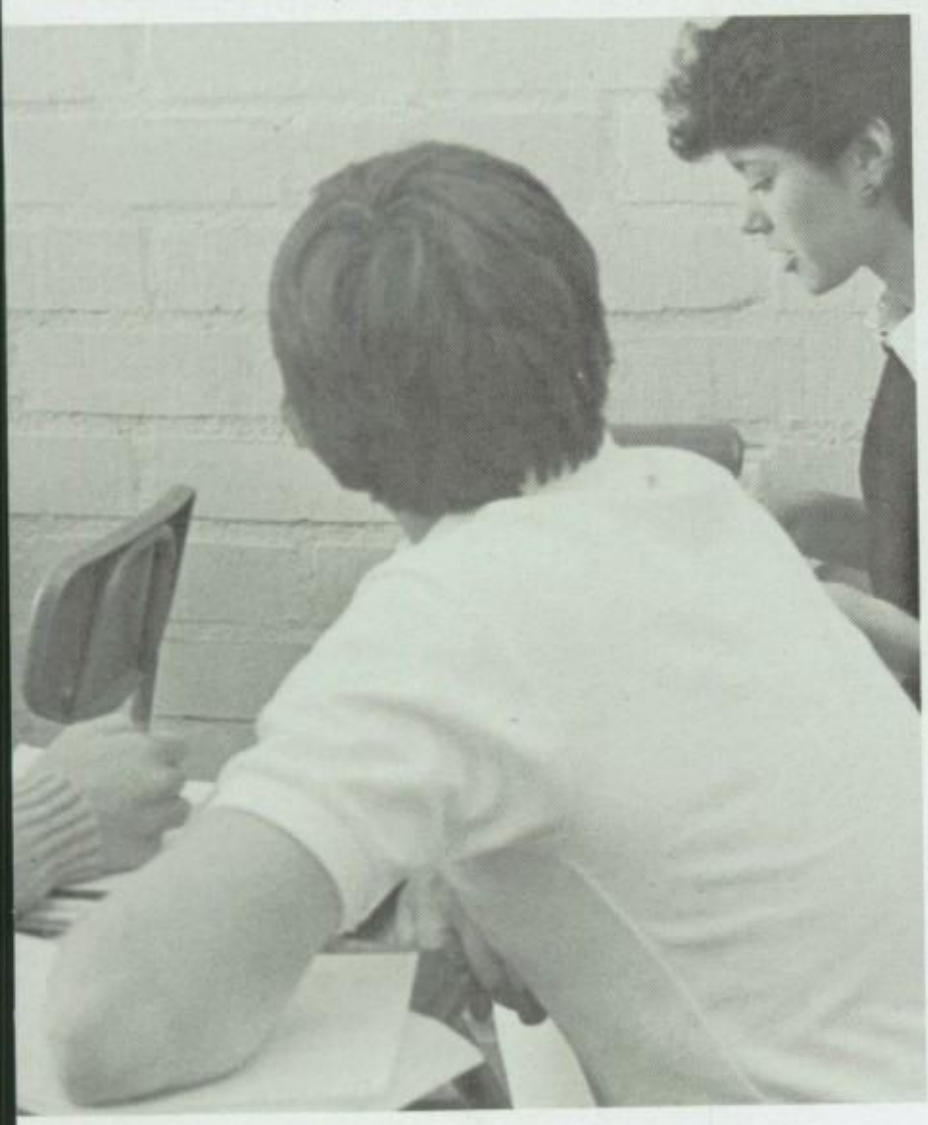
Mrs. Rego

When asked if Mrs. Price would advise for any years after this she replied that she planned to co-advise and learn more about the production of a yearbook over the years.

There is no doubt in the mind of the staffers that Mrs. Price has helped students at times when Mrs. Rego was occupied. Remarked Rick Uribe, "I really appreciated the information that she gathered for me."

To sum it up, Frances Fukute, another first year staffer agreed, "Whenever you have problems you can talk to her. She's really helpful in class."



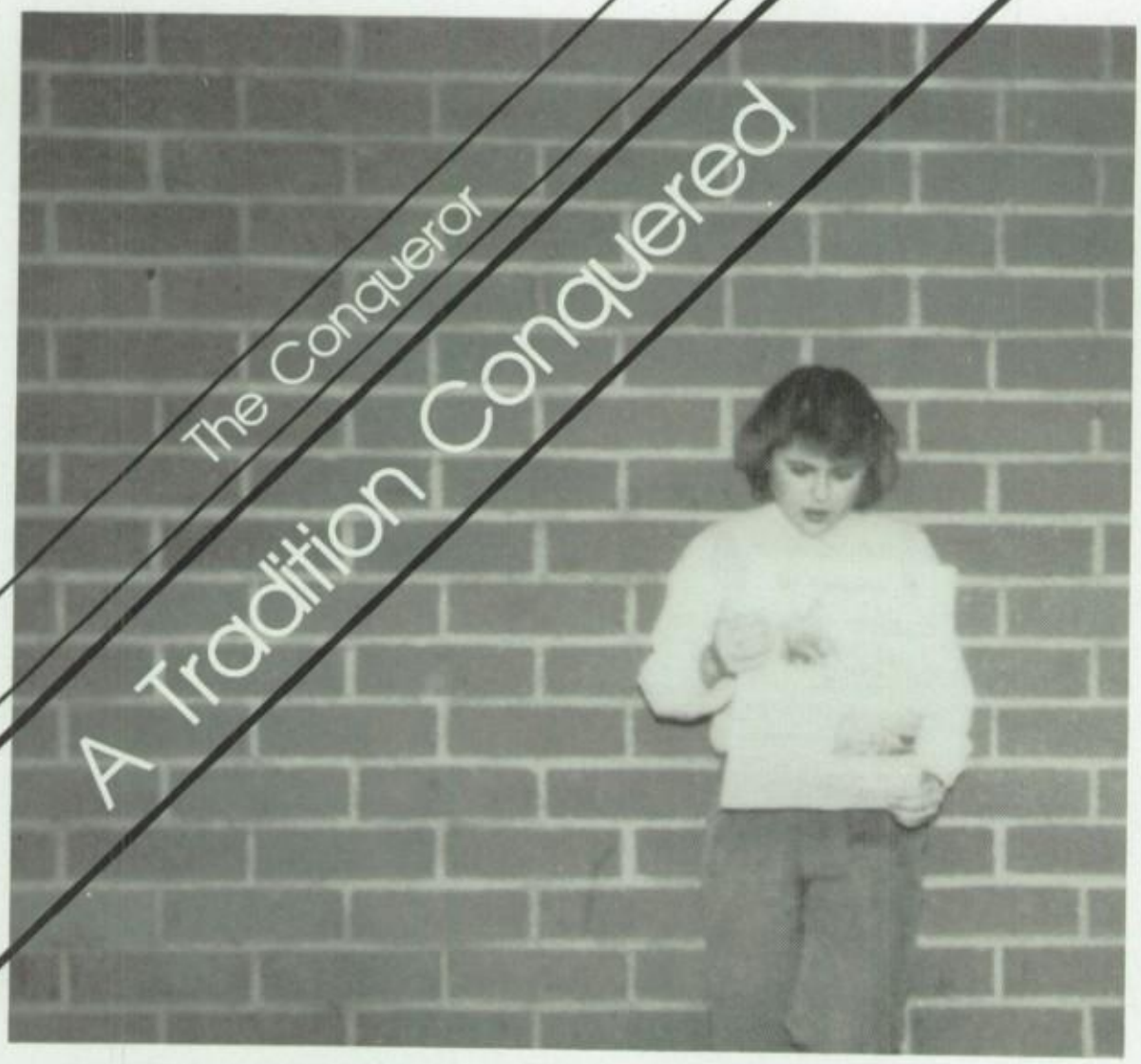


▲ Consulting with Editor Carol Endo, Suzie Edwards gets some advise for her section. Carol always took time out to help each member with their problems.

▲ ANNUAL STAFF. **Front Row:** Kami Dela Cruz, Carol Endo, Editor, Karen Sheriff, Tanya Kalpakoff, John Hirano. **Second Row:** Jay Tarango, Ricardo Uribe, Amanda Rickett, Ron Briseno, Ted Hull, Frances Fukute. **Back Row:** Mrs. Rego, advisor, Dean Gatons, Andy Ulmer, Milton Todd, Suzie Edwards, Ingrid Kircher, Dana Ringland, Mrs. Price, advisor.

A Tradition Conquered

The Conqueror



In November of the '82-'83 year, the official school newspaper, "The El Farol," was retired and replaced by an updated version named "The Conqueror." Staff member Suzie Edwards said, "After 25 years I think it was about time for new ideas to take the place of the old."

The force behind the change was "The Conqueror" staff who didn't believe "El Farol" (The Lantern) reflected the school image. For example, Suzie Kotani remarked, "What the heck does "El Farol" have to do with the school?"

Many different names were pondered by the staff members. For example: "The Pen and The Sword," "Campus Life," and "L.A. Times" were a few. Though many of the names were appetizing, the A.S.B. decided the verdict: "The Conqueror."

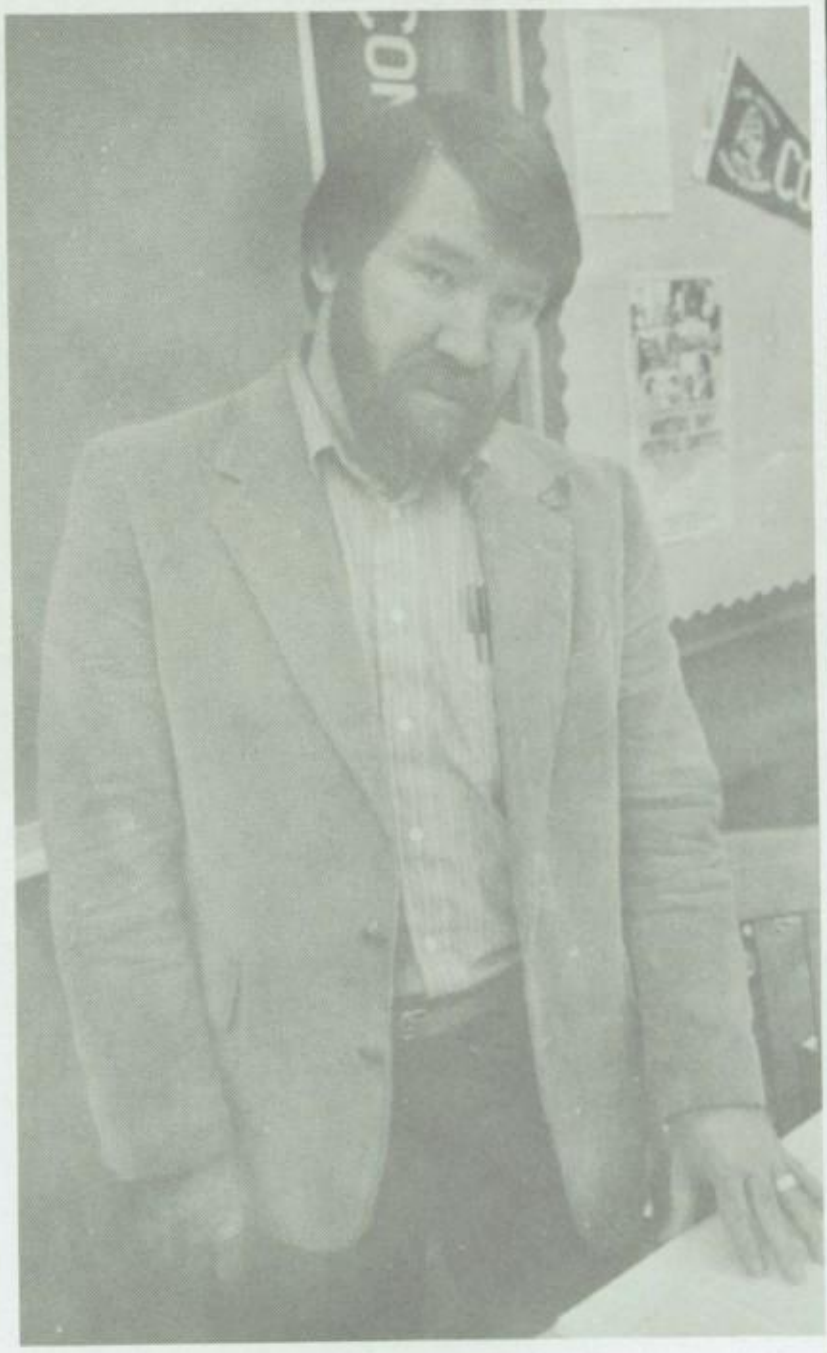
"My observation is that most students are happy with the change and I know the faculty is; they feel it is more representative of the school."

Mr. Kroeker

The "El Farol" originated in an English class in the year of 1958 when the assignment, which later evolved into a full-blown campus publication, was a single-page newspaper. Although that first assignment resulted in the only publication of that year, a full staff was selected for the following year.

▲ Catching up on the latest issue of The Conqueror is Tanya Kalpakoff. The Conqueror staff works long and hard to turn out an excellent news paper on time.

▲ THE CONQUEROR STAFF: **Front Row;** Lisa Joh, Lynne Chen, Angie Watson: **2nd Row;** Paul Richman, Denise Teran, Teri Hansen, Karen Wheeler: **3rd Row;** Chris Delgado, Ron West, Suzie Edwards, Maureen Gravitt: **Back Row;** G.W. Kroeker, Dan Ruthemeyer, Robert Garcia, Mark Thiessen, David Kost: Not Pictured; Michelle Costello.



▲ Presenting the tools of the trade is Dan Ruthemeyer, editor. The "Conqueror" staff have to learn many different jobs to put together news paper.

▲ The Conqueror joins Los Altos' other publication, Los Recuerdos.

◗ Taking on the task of advisor is Mr. Kroeker. As advisor he must oversee the staff.

◆ Pepping up the fans, Dena Bennett, Stacey Borden, Nicole Perez, Diane Dutton, and Lori McIntire cheer at Anaheim Stadium. At Anaheim Stadium, all the pepsters made a long sign that said, "E.T. says: Esperanza go home."

◆ Singing the chant "raise your hands," Kim Nierman gets into it. All the pepsters put their all into their cheers.

◆ Cheering before a section of fans, Sharon Staten shouts, "We are L.A." The pepsters shouted that chant through most of the Anaheim game.

A Privilege For All

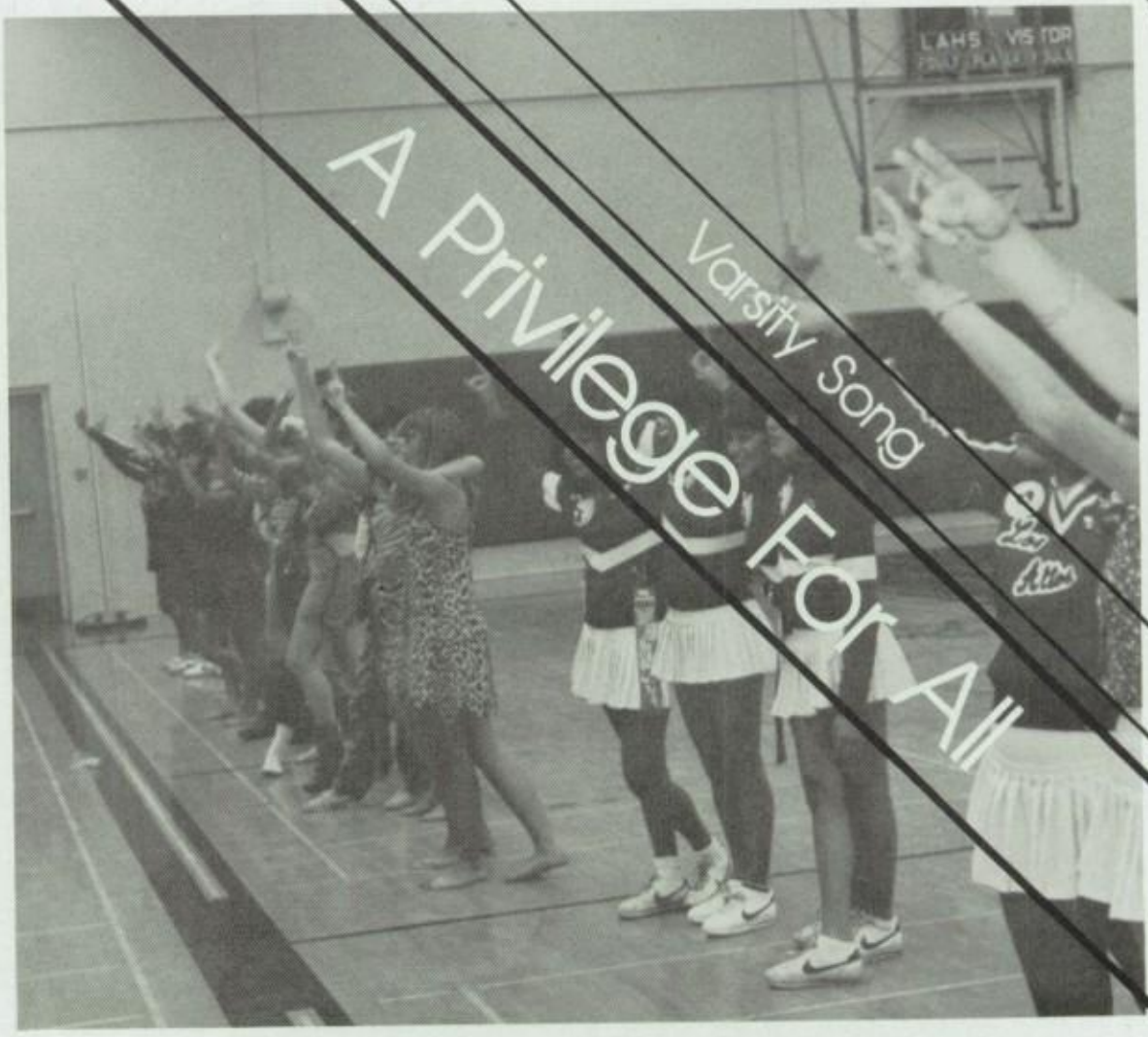
Varsity Song

After numerous hours of practicing, cheerleading had finally paid off. The cheer and songleaders were going to Anaheim Stadium for the C.I.F. football championship game. It was a new experience to many, so at first cheering in front of thousands of people was a little frightening. Soon, however, the largest crowd ever assembled for a C.I.F. game was cheering. "It was a neat atmosphere at Anaheim because we were cheering where many professionals have played," said songleader Kim Haggerty. All the pepsters felt excited and privileged to cheer in such a well-known stadium. "I felt really proud to represent Los Altos, but it felt awkward at Anaheim because it was a new and exciting experience," said cheerleader Chanda Smith.

Throughout the night, the stadium was filled with spirit, and when it was finally over, Los Altos had nabbed another championship. All the pep units felt great because they had something to look back on in 1982.

Besides promoting spirit at pep rallies and sports events, the cheer and songleaders did other things, among which were good-humored rivalries with other schools. For example, one day all the pepsters painted Los Altos signs and decorated Wilson. The next day they found our school toilet-papered. Another pepster attribute was the valuable support they gave to the football players during the entire practicing and playing season. During the hot summer practices, they bought cold sodas for the players and helped them out whenever they could. All their dedication paid off when the football players bought corsages for each member of the varsity squads.

Because of all their generosity, loyalty, and positive attitude throughout the year, the varsity song and cheerleaders helped Los Altos students to be more spirited and supportive of their school.

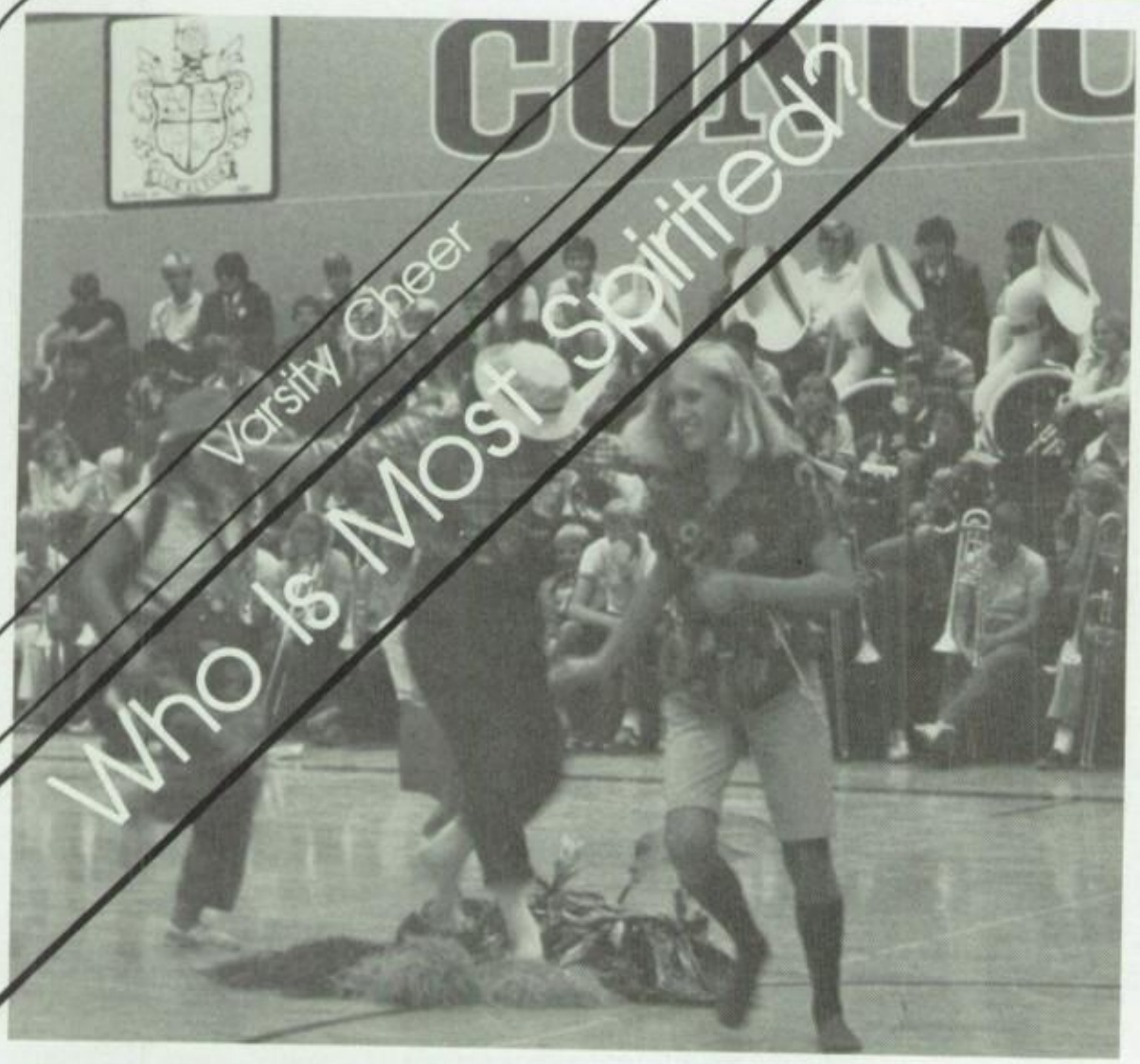


▲ Singing the Alma Mater at a pep rally, all the pepsters lead the student body. Singing the Alma Mater is one activity all the squads participate in.

▲ VARSITY SONG. Kim Nierman, Sharon Staten, Kim Haggerty, Kathy Weeks, Rhonda Nuno, Yolanda Hernandez, Deanna Rejnoso, Alma Hernandez, Diane Dutton.

Who Is Most Spirited?

Varsity Cheer



Spirit was on a rampage at Los Altos. It all began with the incoming freshman class. They were so spirited that the other classes became jealous.

The senior class reacted. "We are not going to let some punky freshmen be more spirited than the great class of 83!" That was the beginning of the spirit competition stick, simply a small stick painted red, white, and blue, but viewed as the most prized possession on campus.

The spirit stick was dragged through every class because each class wanted the stick to prove they were the most spirited.

At homecoming, even the floats reflected this feeling. Each class worked laboriously for hours on their floats.

What was really a grand show of spirit was the way all the classes roared together to support our C.I.F. championship football team. I can remember now, when we played against El Modena, we were losing at halftime. But did the fans give up their cheering? No!

▲ Excitement is generated at the Wilson pep rally by all the pepsters. Here, the Varsity Cheerleaders do their skit "Going on a Wildcat hunt."

▲ VARSITY CHEER. **Front Row:** Nicole Perez, Susi Yee-Dong, Kim Merrill, Julie Tebbs. **Back Row:** Amy Thompson, Chanda Smith, Lisa Sanchez, Lori McIntire.

▲ In front of the entire student body, the cheerleaders arouse school spirit. Being in front of 1000 people, cheerleaders sometimes get embarrassed, but together they pull through.

Even in the losing moments cries of "Come on L.A.!" Could be heard throughout the stands. People who didn't know El Modena was winning would have thought we were.

No one was happier to see the change in spirit than the cheerleaders. Everything seemed that much easier for them when the student body participated in cheering at the single-gym assemblies and in the stadium during sports events.

Along with the responsibility of keeping spirit up at pep rallies, they also have to go to basketball, football, and baseball games and keep the spirit going there too.

The dedication and inspiration that the cheerleaders put forth to the school are more than many groups of students do in a while.

The exercising, memorization of new routines, and constant movement kept the cheerleaders on their toes throughout the year.

This year's squad has gotten more support than ever before from the students in the school which shows in their performance.

▲ Practicing during seventh period, Chanda Smith tries out a new routine. All the pepsters use seventh period to learn new moves and work on old routines.

▲ During the Alma Mater, the cheerleaders proudly lead the student body. The Alma Mater is sung at every pep assembly with the accompaniment of the band.

Go Team Go! That's not all cheerleaders say or do. The Junior Varsity cheerleaders had a lot on their minds because they were responsible for keeping spirit high at all J.V. sports events.

J.V. cheerleaders are part of a five-squad unit, which consists of Varsity Cheer and song leading, J V Cheer and Song leading and one Bee squad. La Shonne Parmes commented, "It's alot of fun and exciting. You become close with the other girls because you spend a lot of time together."

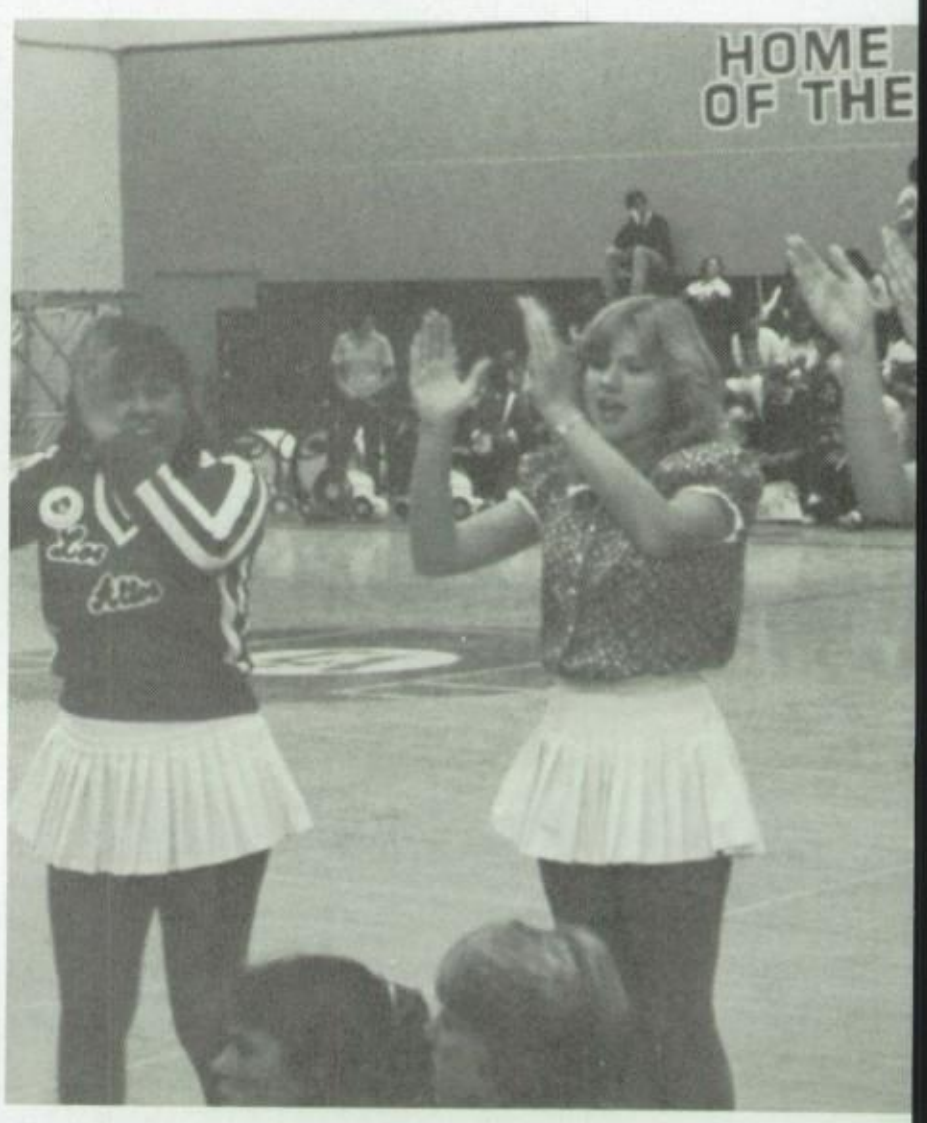
Much work and dedication are put into the many rallies that the pep units organize and host.

It's not all fun and games being a cheerleader. The painful exercises, the memorization of routines, and the pressure of competition to be the best are the tough basics. But making new friends, the excitement of the games, and the thrill of it, make everything.

Mrs. Larson, the advisor for the pep

When costumed students wander into the gym, you know it's Halloween time. Motivating the audience, Dena Bennett and Stacey Borden lead an energetic cheer.

The Alma Mater is sung and lead regularly by the cheerleaders at pep rallies and football games. The pepsters attend summer camps to learn new cheers to chant to the students.



Spirit is what you get when you're in the Wilson pep rally as Maleene Osuna, Cathy Ghysels, Stacey Borden, and Debbie Horspool raise spirits among the student body. Spirit is much easier to generate when the Wilson rivalry is near.

squads said, "I don't look at the J.V. year as preparation for varsity, because it is an important job all by itself."

P.E. credit is given to the squads because of the strenuous exercise and the class time it takes up.

Traveling is usually on the agenda for many cheerleaders. The summer camps that prepare for the upcoming football season, the competitions, and the away game, all provide a change of scenery and atmosphere.

According to Victoria Roberts, "Cheerleading is exciting, and getting the crowd more excited for the players, is one of the advantages."

Not only the cheerleaders are participating more which resulted in a change for the better.

Many times there were night practices which added to their performance. Girls sometimes got minor injuries which added to the fun of being a cheerleader.

They Work To Have Fun

JV cheer

▲ J.V. CHEER. Front Row: Cathy Ghysels, Debbie Horspool, Stacey Borden, Dena Bennett, Maleene Osuna.

▲ Just one of the many cheering girls, J.V. cheer Dena Bennett tries to "pep up" the crowd. The girls efforts, however, were not always appreciated by the less than responsive crowds.

How Sweet It Is

JV Song

▲ During seventh period, Julie Berry and Christie Conrad help each other with their routine. Cheerleaders also practice during the summer to improve their chants.

▲ For the Halloween pep assembly, Christie Conrad dressed up as a tree. All the pepsters had to dress up for this special assembly.

Another year on the soccer team. How I love it! It's not only the sport that I love. Actually, my friends find it hard to believe but, one of the many reasons I went out for our school soccer team was because the J.V. Songleaders cheer at our games. After all, the J.V. squad consists of Julie Berry, Denise Johns, Michelle Campbell, Noelle Smith, Christie Conrad, and Rochelle Vorwald. Sure I love the sport, but I could have always gone out for the local AYSO soccer league, but they don't have the songleaders.

Our J.V. Songleaders really went all out this year. Together they made cakes, cookies and other goodies for us. In addition they made a multitude of signs and even made good luck cards for us when we played against Wilson. They were always there rain or shine cheering us on and boy did it help!

The J.V. Songleaders also cheered for the swim team, the water polo team and for the wrestling team. They spent a lot of their summer learning new chants for the upcoming school year.

Much of their time was spent working with the rest of the pepsters in really getting the school spirit conjured up this year. The J.V. Songleaders worked especially hard with the freshman class and the results as we all noticed were great. The freshman class of '86 was so spirited that the other classes started getting caught up in the "competition for spirit". The spirit stick and homecoming floats were all examples of how much more spirit-oriented this year was. The "stick" was carried through every class because each wanted to prove that their class was number one. And prove it they did. The J.V. Songleaders felt a certain pride because of the great school spirit. Members of the squad commented, "This year we felt we were very successful, mostly because of our close relationships with the squad. Since we got along so well with each other, it was very easy for us to achieve the certain goals we set.

▲ During the C.I.F. championship football game against Esperanza, J.V. Songleaders Julie Berry, Michelle Campbell, Noelle Smith and Denise Johns cheer us to victory. In Anaheim Stadium, the pepsters chanted in front of 25,000 people.

▲ JUNIOR VARSITY SONG. **Front Row:** Denise Johns, Julie Berry. **Back Row:** Michelle Campbell, Christie Conrad, Noelle Smith.

◀ Preparing for the pep assembly the next day, Christie Conrad and Michelle Campbell strive for perfection. A few days before an assembly, all the pepsters get together to create a routine in which all the squads can participate.

▲ Firing up students for a football game, Bee Cheer squad co-ordinates with Varsity squad. The teams especially appreciated their efforts.

▲ BEE CHEER. Denise Maestas, Annette Reinoso, Kim Kamora, Laura Jones.

▲ Practicing a cheer, Nicole Perez joins in with Laura Jones and Denise Maestas. What looks so easy in front of the fans took many hours of practice.

Bee Cheer And Publicity Club
Generating Spirit

They get a bit less attention but they are just as peppy and spirited as the varsity squads. They are the Bee Cheer and the Publicity Club. They each made their own unique contributions to extra-curricular goings-on at Los Altos.

The Bee Cheer squad, in their classy red and white uniforms, were always on the go. If they weren't stirring up enthusiasm among the fans at football games or basketball games, they were practicing to perfect old routines or to create new ones.

And who painted all the clever, spirit-raising signs displayed at the games? Publicity Club, of course. Being real wizards with paper, paint, and brush, they festooned the campus regularly with their reminders of up-coming events such as games, dances, and many other social events. We took all their work for granted, hardly ever thinking about the hours that went into creating all those signs.

▲ Designing signs demands time and creativity. The twelve members of Publicity Club met as often as required to paint signs to publicize various events.

▲ PUBLICITY CLUB. **Bottom Row:** Stephanie Kinjo, Sandra Montijo, Kathi Manseau, Sandi Zapien, Michelle Watson, Janette Mora, **Top Row:** Toki Lee, Tomi Lee, Karen Wheeler, Kim Towler, Diane Hastings.

Madrigals

On Top Of L.A.

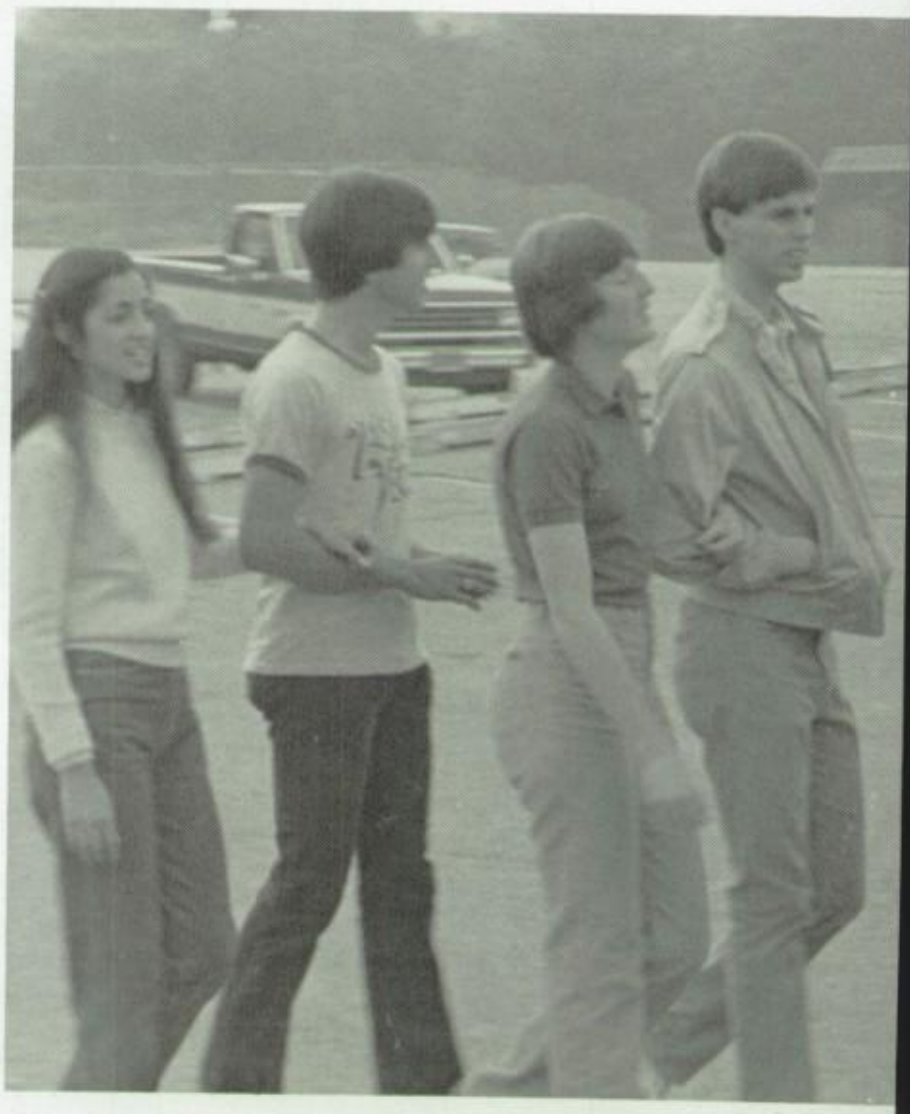
They are the cream of the choirs; they are the twenty best male and female vocalists at Los Altos; they are the Madrigal Singers. The group is not a class, yet the members showed up faithfully for rehearsal every Monday afternoon from 2:45 to 5:15. The sections met for an additional hour or so of weekly practice, and all this was after each member had spent time memorizing his or her individual parts.

"The Madrigal Singers are very disciplined, talented, and dedicated people," said choir director Mr. Fichtner.

The Madrigals usually selected complex vocal pieces composed in the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries, and in a variety of lan-

▲ Singing with enthusiasm, the Madrigal Choir was a top-rated group. They are well-known for having voices that blend in harmony.

▲ MADRIGALS. **Front Row:** Adrien Heslet, Katie Conroy. **Second Row:** Ginnifer Gill, Chris Copa, David Anderson, Terese Coy. **Third Row:** Loree Nishida, Jenny Cormack. **Fourth Row:** David Melendrez, Carol Macdonald, Dan Koenn. **Fifth Row:** Jean Kim, Libby Groom. **Back Row:** David Strnad, Debbie Hearn, Larry Birkholz.



▲ Strolling through the parking lot, the Madrigals sing one of their new songs. Madrigals is a club that meets on their own time on Mondays from 2:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

guages-English, Latin, Italian, French, and German. Learning a new pronunciation as well as memorizing words and music doubled the challenge for the talented group. Most pieces were sung A Cappella, meaning without accompaniment, with only one pitch note piped by Mr. Fichtner. All sections must derive their pitch from that one note. This feat of all the singers starting off at the same time on the right note usually amazed the audience because the audience rarely hears the pipe.

The quality of performance was especially fine this past year, because all twenty of the members returned from the previous year.

▲ Voicing new lyrics at a Madrigal rehearsal, Chris Coppa, Loree Nishida, Dave Strnad, Adrienne Heslet, and Jeff Uhlman sing out. Perfection is what each member strives for.

▲ On the deserted Los Altos campus, Madrigals sing to the remaining faculty. This was a special treat for the faculty.

All Los Altos students have heard of Production Choir. It is probably the best-known choir on campus. Why? Because this talented group does both-sings and dances to popular songs. And they are downright good at it! Outsiders with extensive choir experience acknowledge them to be above-average in quality for a high school choir. When they perform one of their numbers, the audience is in for a treat.

However, what looks easy involves many work-hours of preparation. The choir met daily as a class to practice the vocal parts. The dance rehearsals were held on the students' own time-after school on Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. And it was a physical workout; they learned seven new routines this year.

Like the other choirs, Production Choir members are garbed in their own unique outfits. Boys wear navy blue Angel Flight pants, red shirts and white V-neck sweaters. The girls wear white skirts, red sweaters, navy blue shirts, and red shoes.

The A Cappella Choir, boasting sev-

▲ Showing their moves, Dan Koenn and Libby Groom perform one of their routines with the Production Choir. The Production Choir traveled to many elementary schools this year.

▲ PRODUCTION CHOIR. **Front Row:** Dianne Brown, Doug Levens. **Second Row:** Darrah Falcone, Darren Levens, Ron Haney. **Third Row:** Karen Voss, Lorree Nishida, Chris Copa, Dave Strnad. **Fourth Row:** Jenny Cormack, Violet Ortega, Larry Birkholz, Dan Koenn. **Fifth Row:** Libby Groom, Katie Conroy, Richard Hair, Benny Perez. **Back Row:** Tracy Claiborne, Lori Hair, David Melendrez, Jeff Uhlman.

▲ Keeping in tune with Christmas, the Production Choir sings, "Have a Very Merry Christmas." The Production Choir sings during the holidays and keeps everyone in the holiday spirit.

enty-two members, is the largest choir on campus. A Cappella means "without accompaniment;" however, a number of songs are sung with piano accompaniment. The choir meets daily as a class to practice their songs. Among their repertoire are spirituals, classical songs, and contemporary numbers from musicals such as "The King and I." They have mastered songs not only in English, but also in French, Latin, and German, which obviously require additional effort in memorization and pronunciation.

There were many performances that A Cappella and Production Choir participated in. On January 29, Production Choir ranked second out of 18 schools in the "Aztec Sing" choir concert. A Cappella didn't participate in any competitions until the end of the year, but visited Biola College and Cal State Fullerton to get criticized on their singing by Doctor Howard Swan, a reknown professor of music. Dr. Swan commented on about 10 high schools at each festival. The festivals benefitted A Cappella in that they had a chance to improve for the competitions at the end of the year.

Improving And Excelling

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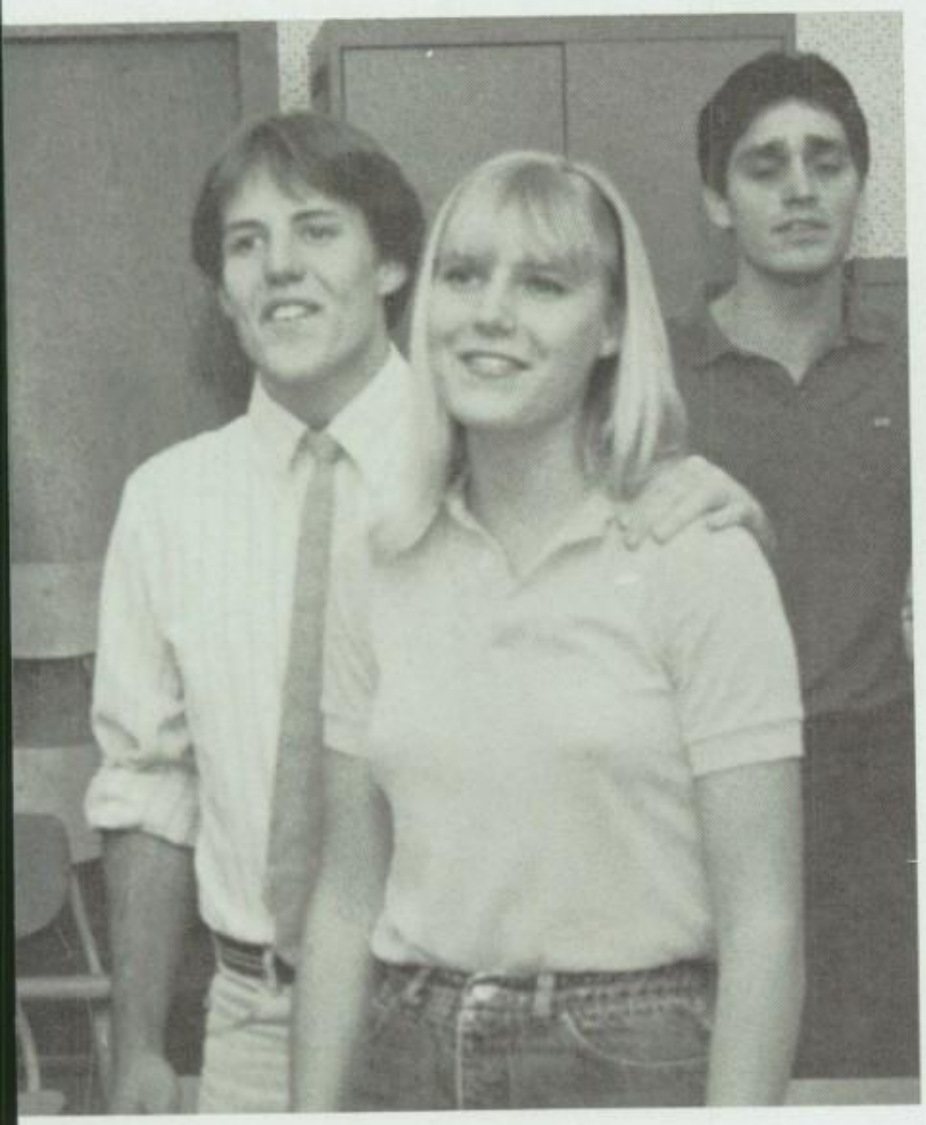


Before the Night of Enchantment at the Disneyland candlelight procession, Mr. Fichtner prepares the A Cappella Choir for a hard work-out. Only 15 schools are allowed to participate in this performance.

A CAPELLA. **Front Row:** Debbie Hearn, Lori Chronis, Shelley Aney, Mari Tucker, Terese Coy, La Shonne Parmes, Laura Fisher, Melinda Kim, Beth Knowles, Debbie Horspool, Tina Bisbee, Shannon Sueyoshi, Magdalena Donatlan, Louise Verneau, Lydia Hearn, **Second Row:** Stefanie Creighton, Debbie Altenburg, Cheryl Whittington, Angie Freeze, Rhonda Jolivette, Nancy Rankin, Denise Johns, Julie Berry, Beth Hill, Lynn Poston, Raquel Lemus, Adrien Heslett, Jenny Cormack, Carol MacDonald, Loree Nishida, Janice Hayward, Ginny Gill, Debbie Melendrez. **Third Row:** Cindy Hathaway, Kathy Sandoval, Heidi Dutch, Jon Simonson, Chris Coppa, Mark Weiss, Paul Pontrelli, Joe Polder, Paul Romeo, Chad Dunn, Garrett Ikeda, Rupert Pollard, Frank Lemus, Dave Brookshire, Alan Loya, Cymantha Wood, Becky Hutchins. **Back Row:** Libby Groom, Jean Kim, Jennifer Clark, Dave Anderson, Dave Strnad, Lee Myers, Jon Locke, Dave Mosak, Jeff Uhlman, Greg Gill, Jim Griffing, Trent Newton, Jim Cuccia, Benny Perez, Larry Birkholz, Dave Melendrez, Dan Koenn, Bruce Walker, Donata Paez, Andrea Grimsley.

Men's And Women's Choirs

In The Beginning . . .

Have you ever wondered who the brains behind the choirs was? To ease your curiosity, he is Mr. Dwight Fichtner. This was Mr. Fichtner's first year directing at Los Altos; the previous director, Mr. Steve Grundy, left to join the priesthood.

Mr. Fichtner received his master's from Cal State Fullerton and has eleven years of teaching and directing beneath his belt. The first school where he directed was McPherson Junior High in Orange. Then he moved to El Dorado High School. Recently, Mr. Fichtner was a radio station sales manager, but when he heard about the opening for a new choir director at Los Altos, he hurried over to fill the spot saying, "I heard Los Altos was a positive school and I was anxious to come and direct the high-rated choirs."

The men's choir and women's ensemble are the first step in climbing the ladder of the Los Altos choirs. It is the year in which "the main focus is to develop the voice."

"I'm really glad to have the training I received in women's ensemble for A Cappella."

Tanya Kalpakoff

After a year is spent solely on voice and learning to read music, the interested choir members then try out for A Cappella. Once he or she makes that, they then can continue on to more prestigious choirs such as Madrigals and Production choir.

The men's choir and women's ensemble never went to any tournaments or competitions, but they did go to a Southern California Vocal Association festival in which various first-year choirs participated. The choirs were constructively criticized by musicians, and were told just what areas to improve on. For our choirs, it really helped improve confidence, and helped the choirs to sing together.

▲ Performing at the Winter Choral Concert, the Men's Choir sing with pride. With only ten students in the choir, they learn how to improve their voices with individual instruction.

▲ MEN'S CHOIR: Mike Escamilla, Patrick Howell, Lowell Erbe, Derek Ortega, Doug Freeze, Robert Felix.

▲ Performing at the winter choral concert, the Women's Ensemble sing with pride. They are singing one of their tougher songs, a song from the musical "Fiddler on the Roof."

▲ WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE. **Front Row:** Rosa Villaran, Karen Jang, Debbie Fajt, Alisa Azpetia, Renee Barlow, Jennifer Anderson, Kristie Mancino, Lislie Ponds, Melissa Taft, Yvonne Miranda, Cindy Figueroa, Trish Hernandez. **Second Row:** Michelle Carillo, Robin Dusini, Damaris Camarillo, Paula Amon, Jennifer Madden, Valerie Stickles, Denise Flores, Monica De la Peza, Denise Maestas, Dena Mitchell, Sue Kozak, Miriam Barsegian. **Third Row:** Teresa Portilla, Malinda Merrill, Daniel Lauper, Gina Musetti, Deborah Lujan, Dawn Phillips, Michelle Merrill, Lisa Hovelsrud, Tanya Kalpakoff, Cindy Lebo, Sandy Travis, Claudine Ferrini. **Back Row:** Michelle Weger, Leslie Easton, Sue Kessler, Debbie Hastings, Cheryl Sem, Regina Shirley, Kathy Ireland, Maureen Scheider, Romaine Davenport, Lisa Morgan, Lisa Christman, Guyanna Gill.

◀ During fourth period, Claudine Ferrini and Debbie Stanley concentrate on tone. Class time is the time the singers use to perfect their voices.

♠ Preparing for an upcoming fundraiser. International Club president John Hirano hands out candy. Fundraisers are a big part of the club's income.

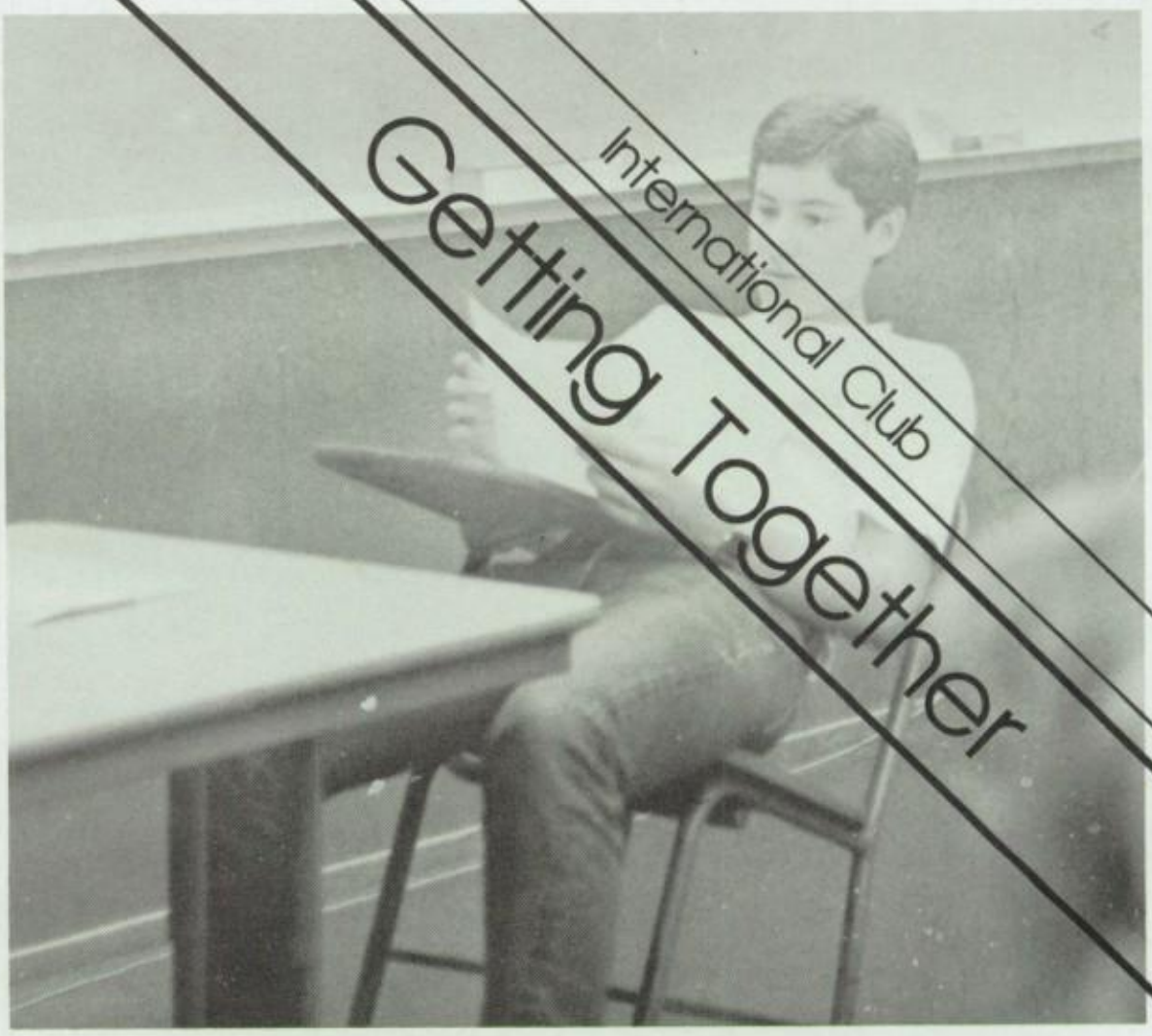
♠ Putting together up-coming events are Mr. Moss and Kathy Hirano. Special events such as International Day or special field trips help expose foreign exchange students to American Culture.

♠ Introducing a guest speaker is Scott Long. Guest speakers help hance the students knowledge and create interest.

International Club

Getting Together

If you ever walked by H-7 and heard voices in a variety of accents or detected foreign expressions, did you wonder what was going on? What you overheard were International Club members at their meeting. The International Club was designed to help the foreign exchange students find their way around the Hacienda Heights community. Club members met frequently and took trips around the world through film and guest speakers. Other exchanges or sharing of cultures took place at parties hosted by individual foreign exchange students who entertained the group with information about their life-style, dress and cuisine. A popular event was the annual International Day when exchange students from other schools visited Los Altos and were invited into various classrooms for informal discussions with American students. The American families of the foreign students frequently took their young guests to visit popular places of interest and to give them a variety of experiences. As Sabine Schmidt said: "The International Club helped me in many ways. I have made many new friends and visited many fun places."



▲ Waiting for his turn to speak is Marty Louis. Every student is expected to contribute his or her part in the discussion.

▲ INTERNATIONAL CLUB: FRONT ROW: Judy Tsuei, Micaela Zurek, John Herano. Second Row: Jenny Chen, Laura Mejia, Tama Myrna LaGrosa. 3rd Row: Anna Serrano, Jennifer Monzon, Sabine Schmidt, Pat Evritt, Betsy Johnson, Fernanda Penteado. Back Row: Shannon Ahaitty, Scot Long, Doug Nason, Mark Fang, Marty Louis, Sang Lee.

Radio/Computer And Model U.N.

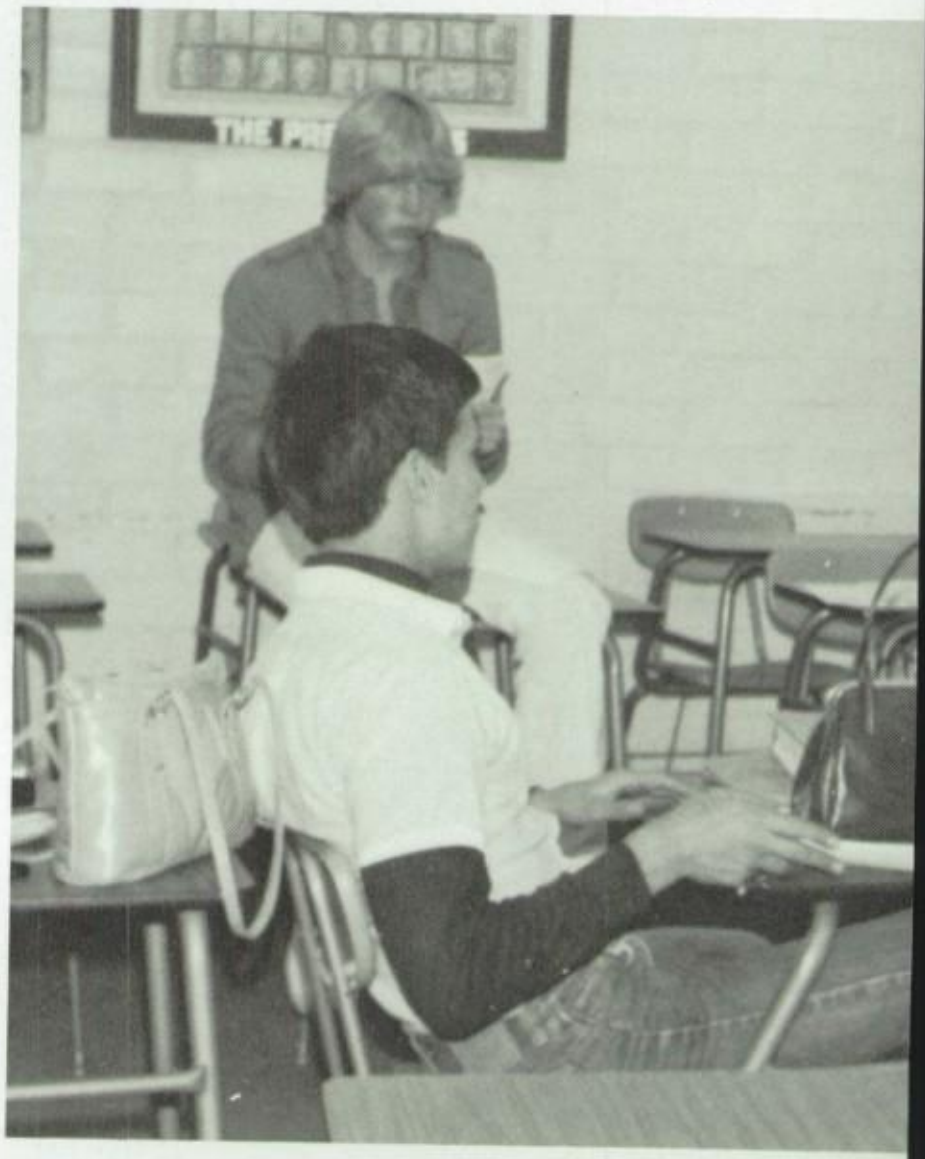
An Unexpected Surprise

I had to stay after school one day to get help from Mrs. Sill on an essay. I stayed longer than I had wanted when Michele Stone and Alan Loya walked in the room. Within ten minutes, Chris Hernandez, Blanca Dalziel, Phil Markgraf, Michelle Campbell, and Tina Casas were also in the room. After the cloud of confusion passed over me, I remembered that today was the Model U.N. meeting. I had the car that day so I decided to stay longer, attend the meeting, and see what Model United Nations was really about.

One thing I learned that I thought was interesting was that the club was going to U.C. Riverside to participate in a Model U.N. convention with high schools from all over. The convention, in the beginning of March for three days, had specialized committees from each school that discussed the topics at the convention from their country's point of view. (Each school was assigned a different country; ours was Greece.) The topics for the committees were quite widespread. They were General Assembly, which dealt with the Middle East crisis; First Committee, which handled the subject of nu-

▲ Typing on the keyboard, Chris Nelson programs the computer. Working with computers now helps students prepare for their future in the world of high technology.

▲ RADIO/COMPUTER. **Front Row:** Bruce Strohmeyer, Mike Balanoff, Randy Stenberg. **Second Row:** Art Avila, Mr. Watson, advisor, Ray Barker. **Back Row:** Rudy Singleterry, Craig Castillo, Sonny Apodaca, Ariel Crespo.



▲ Discussing the March convention, Chris Hernandez, Alan Loya, Michele Stone, Phil Markgraf, and Mrs. Sill, advisor, talk about the different subjects of the convention. To help understand the process of the convention, a guest speaker came to explain.

clear freeze zones and the peaceful use of outer space; Special Political, that reviewed the role of peace keeping forces; Sixth Committee, which dealt with the prevention of punishment against internationally protected persons and terrorism; Ad Hoc dealt with refugees; and the Only One Earth committee dealt with natural resources. I was so wound up with the whole idea of learning about all these subjects going on in the world, that I made up my mind to go through with it. Then when March finally came, I had a blast! There was even a dance on the last night!

Another club I got really interested in was the radio/computer club. Mr. Watson was the advisor, and he just let us use all the computers. We played games such as Pac Man, as well as familiarizing ourselves with the other uses of computers. Since computer technology is going to come in handy in the future, it was a great experience, and for free! Whoever said learning was no fun was dead wrong! I learned about world affairs and how to use computers and I had the time of my life!

▲ Engrossed in Mrs. Sill's lecture, Phil Markgraf and Michele Stone look at their notes. The notes give a brief explanation of different committees the members can choose from for the March convention.

▲ MODEL U.N. **Front Row:** Michelle Campbell, Alan Loya, Michele Stone. **Back Row:** Noelle Smith, Blanca Dalziel, Tina Casas.

The halls are empty except for an occasional skateboarder whizzing past the classrooms. Students are relieved of their school pressures until 8:00 a.m. the next day. Well, not all students. Taking advantage of the advice (and teaching) of the Literary Club advisor; Miss Shumaker, or Photo Club advisor, Mr. Stewart, are a few of the student body who, through these two clubs are able to perfect their photography ability or widen their literary knowledge with friends. Besides allowing students to pursue their photographic talents, the photography club is an asset to the yearbook. Photographers were able to develop yearbook pictures during their meetings which were held every Tuesday.

A Literary Club meeting would begin with Miss Shumaker trying to quiet the members. When she got their attention she would ask, "Who's seen any good movies lately?" After comparing the best and worst aspects of recent movies, the meeting moved on to a discussion of the book all the members

◆ Confused Kim Ward receives advice from Ron Briseno, Photography Club president. Photo Club members take many different shots, and for many, a willing subject is needed.

◆ PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB. **Front Row:** Mark Benevides, Kim Ward, Tony Ruiz, Joan Hicks. **Back Row:** Ron Briseno, Jay Tarango, Jeff Walters, Charles Sass.

◆ Prepared for a photo session, Todd Yates, with David Hoover, carries around a duffle bag full of camera accessories. A good photographer must always be prepared.

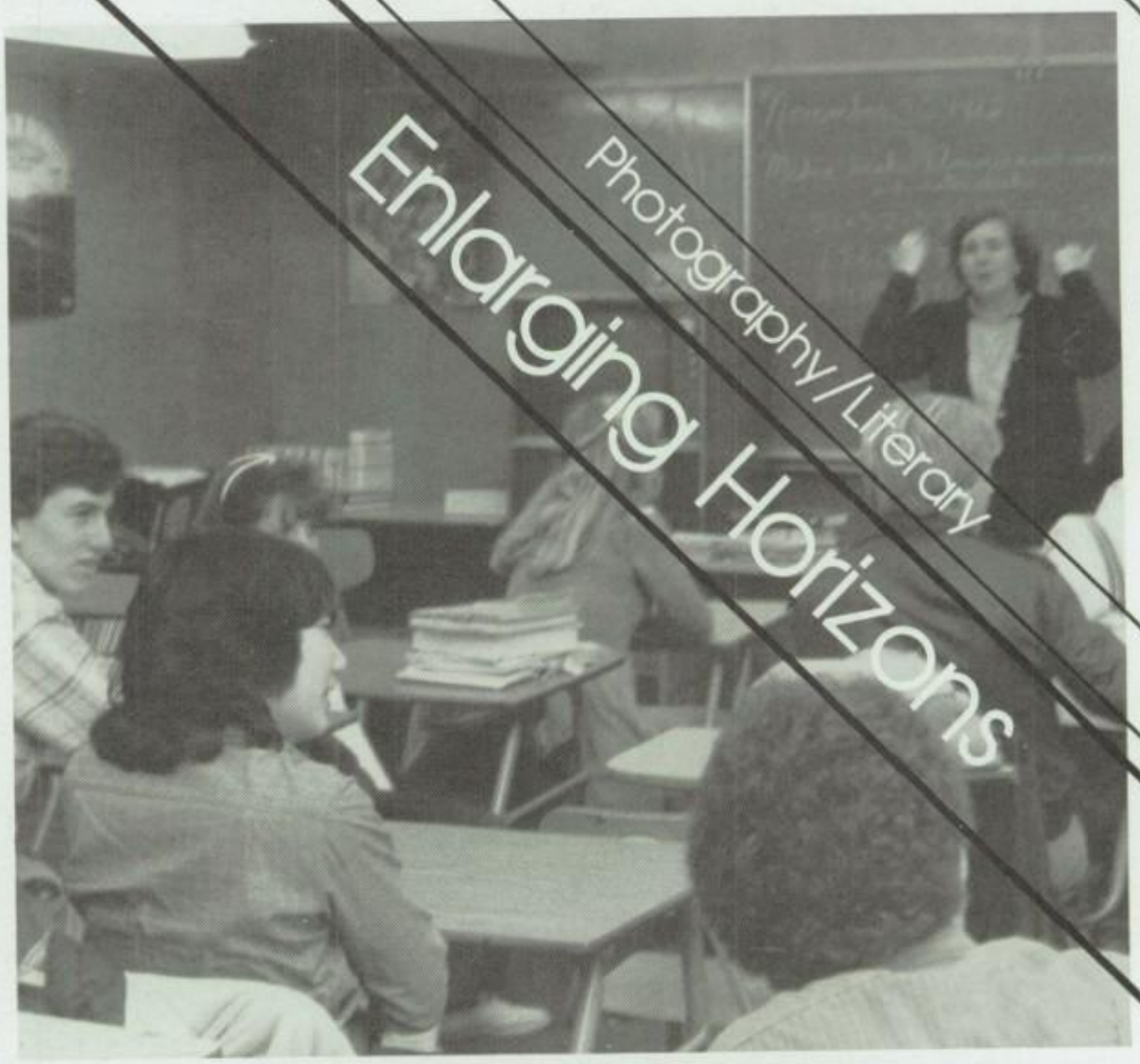
Enlaging Horizons

Photography/Literary

read. The book had been chosen at the previous meeting. To some, this might seem extremely boring and sort of like school; however, members enjoyed it because it was a structured approach to enjoyable reading, a way to get the most out of a book.

Literary Club sharpens student's knowledge, while Photo Club sharpens their focus.

"It's kind of like going into a movie theater because we talk about a lot of movies. The books are okay but the main idea of the club is just to get together," commented Bassil Aish. "I like being in the Photo club because it allows me more time to work on my prints and improves my photographic skills," said Todd Yates.



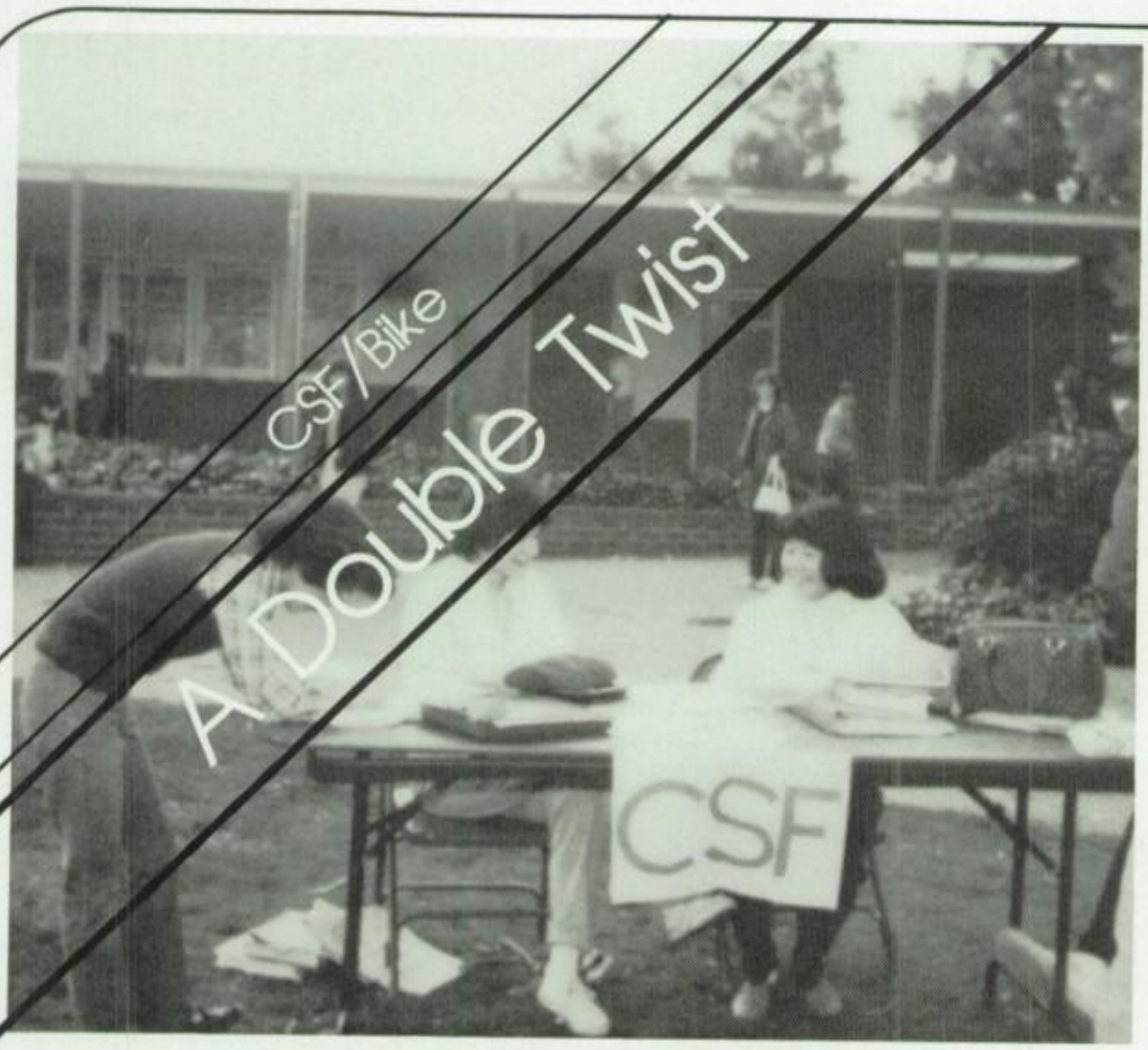
◗ Miss Shumaker is discussing an exciting movie. Literary Club keeps up with all the latest movies.

◓ LITERARY CLUB. **Bottom Row:** Laura Mejia, Jennifer Monzon. **Second Row:** Wendy Park, Lisa Joh, Debbie Hearn, Lydia Hearn. **Top Row:** Kathie Sandoval, Scott Long, Anthony Sandoval, David Clonts, Basil Aish.

◖ Always genial, Miss Shumaker enjoys helping students get the most out of their leisure reading and encourages them to read as much as possible.

CSF/Bike

A Double Twist



I didn't really want to go, but my best friend talked me into it. "Come on," he said, "it'll be fun. What else do you have to do?"

Well, since I didn't have anything else planned, I figured, why not? A trip to the Museum of Science and Industry couldn't be too awfully bad. I woke up at 7:00 a.m.; that gave me just enough time to get to the school by 9:00 a.m.

When I arrived, all the teachers were there — Mrs. Applebaum, Mr. Kroeker, Mr. Nielsen, Miss Shumaker and Mr. Turk. However, my friend was nowhere to be found. I found my lonely way onto one of the two buses and slid into one of the many empty seats. I joined a game of cards, which made the time pass quickly. When we got there we were split into two groups, seniors and freshmen, and juniors and sophomores.

I was a bit dubious, being a senior stuck with freshmen, but I ended up having a great time. First we got to see an E.T. display by his creator Carlo Rombaldi. Then we had a guided tour of media. Besides having an informative and fun time there, I went with some new-made friends to the USC campus. I used to think CSF was only a club one signed up for and forgot about but actually found I had fun with fellow CSF'ers and made new friends.

In case you're wondering, I tried to get my friend back for not showing up. I convinced him, just as he had convinced me, to join the Bike Club and go on a practice ride with us to find out if he'd like it or not. Well, it actually wasn't a practice ride. It was a ten-mile ride. Since he doesn't often ride his bike and he's sort of a wimp, I figured he'd never make it. After our first few miles, my muscles were getting a bit tired but I forced myself on, getting strength from the knowledge of how much my friend was suffering. After our ride was over (I did end up making it) I asked my friend how he enjoyed the ride. I felt anticipation awaiting my revenge. But it wasn't so. He wasn't tired; he wasn't sweating; he was calmly watching me wipe the sweat off my brow. Then he had the nerve to ask me why it was over so soon.

Even though I didn't get my revenge, I did get a bunch of opportunities by being a member of the Bike Club and CSF. Through CSF, I had a opportunity to go to Disneyland, the Museum of Science and Industry, and a backstage tour of the Music Center. Being a member of the Bike Club gave me a chance to bike to San Simeon, San Diego, Dana Point, and perhaps go to Canada this summer.

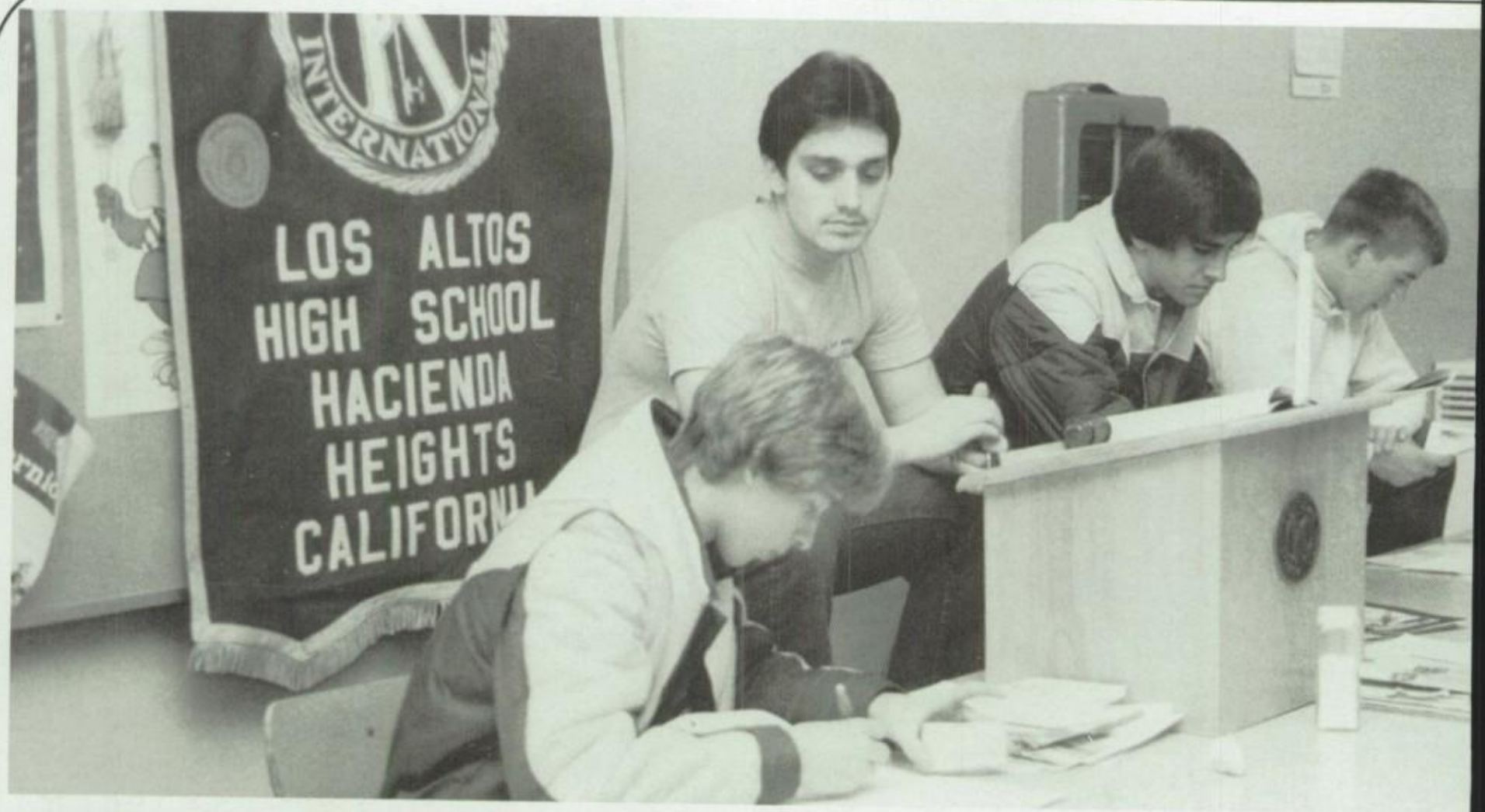
▲ Selling tickets for CSF night at Disneyland, Anne Semmer and Lisa Okimoto patiently wait for somebody to buy one. Going to Disneyland was only one of the trips planned for CSF.

▲ CSF. **Front Row:** Kimi Liu, Ferdinand Ordona, Michele Sone, Suzie Kotani, Arlene Kim, Anne Jamison, Anne Semmer, Carol Endo, Lisa Okimoto, Irene Huh, Patricia Molina, Jeanne Daleo. **Second Row:** Nobou Liu, John Hirano, Lydia Hearn, Michelle Lew, Steven Jung, Blanca Dalziel, Janice Hayward, Pam Taylor, Julie McMillen, Gloria Park, Matt Tyler, Debbie Melendrez, Ana Dominguez, Laurie Atagi. **Third Row:** Tuyet Huynh, Holley Pierce, Tina Casas, Bonnie Yue, Gina Martinez, Toki Lee, Rob Lipschutz, Sang H. Lee, Armando Azpeitia, Linda DeNorch, Gloria Sun, Tina Bisbee, Stephanie Kinjo, Debbie Hearn. **Back Row:** Oanh Huynh, Wendy Park, Kathy Spratling, Denise Yasutake, Rick Uribe, Denise Bohannon, Amanda Rickett, Cymantha Wood, Jeff Condit, Richard Gerger, Anthony Sandoval, Milton Todd, Susi Yee-Dong, Nam Huh, Carolyn Campbell, Katie Conroy, Bassil Aish, Jeanne Kim.

Stopping at a traffic light, Bike club members take a break. One of their accomplishments was a bike ride to Chino.

BIKE CLUB. **Front Row:** Mary Pat Ibbetson, Brenda Chrystie, David Yun. **Back Row:** Patrick Delgadillo, Mike Uzes, president, Armando Bohol.

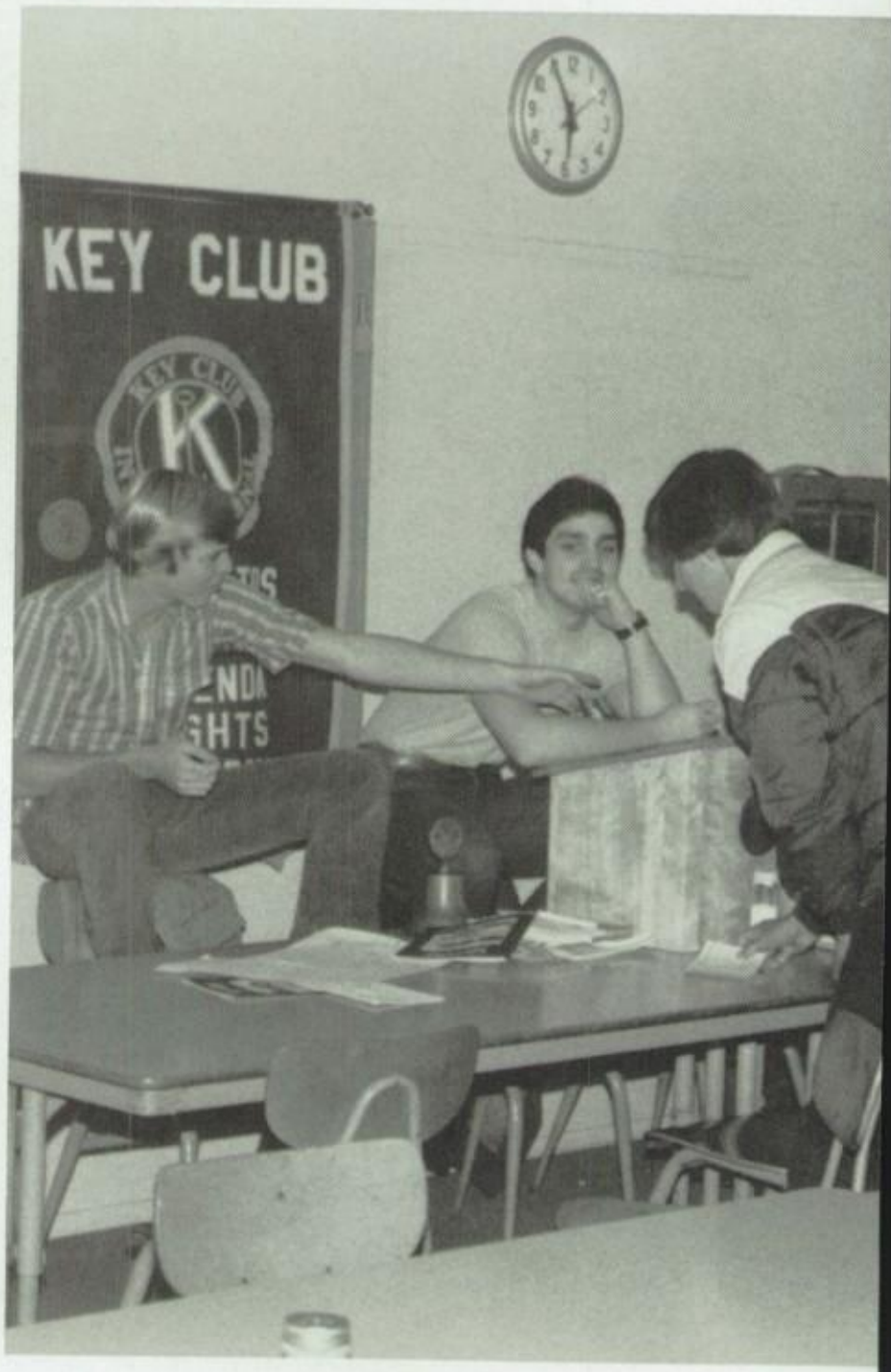
Standing in front of Flo's Airport Cafe, Pat Howell, Mr. Franz, advisor, Bill Fice, Mark Parker, Nikki Sadd, Michelle Sonnevelt and Pat Delgadillo look pleased at the end of their ride to Chino. While at the Chino airport, the members visited the Air Museum.



▲ Going over the blood drive papers, Andy Ulmer compares last year's tallies to this year's. This year they received twice as many donors as last year. Dave Strnad looks on, while Dan Koenn and Dave Brookshire tend to other business.

▲ KEY CLUB. **Front Row:** Chris Causey, Mike Harrie, Rudy Villescas, Anthony Morgan. **Second Row:** Alan Loya, David Brookshire, Rupert Pollard, Andy Lopez. **Back Row:** Mr. Olague, advisor, Dave Strnad, president, Andy Ulmer, Dan Koenn, Mark Guithues, Mr. Slosek, advisor.

▶ Discussing the schedule for the up-coming blood drive are Mark Guithues, Dan Koenn, and David Strnad. The schedule explains what job each member will have.



Key/Keywanettes Starting New

The first time I heard it was at the beginning of the period while I was rewriting an essay for English. I didn't think much about it because I was already involved in the sports program; I played J.V. water polo. Every two weeks for a whole semester I heard the same announcement in the bulletin, and I thought, "Who would want to do community services? What a waste of time."

After water polo season was over, my daily routine became more predictable than the sunrise-wake up, go to school, come home, eat, do homework, and go to sleep. Sure, once in a while I went out with the guys to Barro's and had a pizza and a game of Pac Man, but that wasn't very often. Let's face it, my life was boring!

The first Monday we got back from Christmas vacation I heard it again: Key Club meeting Wednesday, six o'clock in the teacher's lounge. New members welcome. "Hmm." I pondered, "It couldn't be too bad, or there wouldn't be a club. It has to be better than what I do every day. Besides, I can just go to one meeting and try it out."

When Wednesday evening rolled around, my mom was nice enough to drive me to school. Finally, I stumbled into the teacher's lounge to find something I hadn't expected-a room full of guys! I expected to find only a few, but actually there were about twenty!

Anyway, when I walked into the room, the guys told me about their club, and also about the girls' club, the Keywanettes. Both clubs are divisions of Kiwanis International. Each year, the president of each club, this year it was Jane Tsuei and Dave Strnad, send in applications for membership in the Kiwanis. The clubs are then accepted only if they have organized some significant function that is of service to the community. For example, the Key and Keywanettes sponsored a blood drive in December, 1982. The blood drive has become an annual event, and has proven successful over the years.

Besides the blood drive, the Key Club members ushered at football games and served as parking attendants at the Band-O-Rama. In a gesture of appreciation, the Keywanettes gave packs of lifesavers candy dressed as little men to teachers for Christmas. The Keywanettes also sold See's suckers to raise money to attend a convention in San Francisco. At the convention, all the Keywanette clubs in Southern California elect officers and are rated among the other California clubs.

'Gosh,' I thought after learning all that, 'I wish I had joined sooner!'

▲ Conducting the meeting, Mrs. Fletcher explains the list of activities. One of the services performed by the Keywanettes was helping with the annual blood drive.

▲ KEYWANETTES. **Front Row:** Jane Tsuei, Angelica Rodriguez, Huong Pham. **Second Row:** Carol Endo, Alisa Azpeitia, Soo Hwang, Lesley Ponda, Leticia Ramirez. **Third Row:** Stephanie Kinjo, Gloria Sun, Judy Lee, Noriko Hattori, Jin Lee, Wendy Kotani, Irene Huh. **Back Row:** Debbie Hastings, Cheryl Sim, Toki Lee, Kim Edward, Maureen Schneider, Heather Finch, Mrs. Fletcher, advisor.

Ski Club

Starting Over

The revival of the Ski Club was a huge success. It was by far the largest club on campus with membership exceeding 180 students until it was cut down to approximately 80. The reason for this was that there were too many members so the advisors created the prerequisite of being a member of the Explorers Club. Although this turned many away, the Ski Club was still by far one of the largest of all clubs.

Although it was up in the air whether the club could actually plan a trip due to lack of funds and again the high membership, they did do a lot of planning in case they could manage to go.

An interesting aspect of the club and its history is that there was a Ski Club, advised also by Mr. Brundage, about 7 years ago. It was discontinued after its first trip because of the lack of responsibility and lack of self control by the students. Another factor was because the rules weren't followed.

▲ The scenery is a bonus for skiers at Big Bear Lake. Skiing among the trees or fresh powder was a skiers delight.

▶ In the enchanted forest Mark Ruhnke skis down a snowy hill. The Ski Club planned a trip to Mammoth over Easter Vacation.

Some of the trips planned this year were to Salt Lake City, Utah, during Christmas vacation, Aspen, Colorado during Easter, Snow Valley in January, and Mammoth in February.

"I think the Ski Club is the best idea Los Altos has had in a long time. It gives my friends and I and all members a chance to go skiing with friends, learn better techniques, and go without my parents."

Mark Ruhnke

Even if the club didn't manage to go on any ski trips, there was a mutual interest in skiing for all members.

▲ After doing a hockey stop, Gary Crandall gets ready to venture up the hill. The Ski club skiied throughout Big Bear during the Christmas Vacation.

▲ SKI CLUB **Front Row:** Lisa Casada, Adrienne Garcia, Jody Weadon, Jennifer Lee, Marlene Ludwizak, Mike Torrez, Kara Mahaffey, Stephanie Porter, Krista Schroeder, Gabe Marquez; **Second Row:** Deanna Nocella, Brenda Chrystie, Bobby Tyler, John Won, Marty Lewis, Bruce Stroymeyer, Linda Medina, Nancy Ruthmeyer, Natale Norris, Dedee Hooper; **Third Row:** Kristie Mancino, Jill Hart, Michelle Sonneveldt, Mark Iriarte, John Cassar, Yolanda Hernandez, Rhonda Nuno, Kim Haggerty, Todd Yates, Alan Loya, Pat Hicks, Yvette Alvarez. **Back Row:** Denise Castello, Chris Luce, Chuck Gonzales, Jim Osborn, Gragy Hicks, Mark Ruhnke, Tucker Schork, Bob Sanaeverino, Heather Amberg, Emmy Sinatra, Mike Gibbs, Olivia Hernandez.

By partaking in the graduation ceremony, Junior Honor Guards share the graduates' joy. "I liked representing the junior class," remarked former Junior Honor Guard Tracy Claiborne.

Numerous junior girls were selected by supervisors Mrs. O'Donnell, Mrs. Greenlee, and Mrs. Im. Applications issued by activities director Mr. Godfrey required that the girls be active in school organizations and have a sharp GPA.

"It was an honor to be the tallest Junior Honor Guard. The whole ceremony touched my heart, it was flabbergasting."

Carrie Wade

▲ Getting last minute instructions, Karen Voss and Sharon Clonts listen anxiously. The Junior Honor Guards get almost as tense and nervous as the graduating class!

▲ Awaiting their entrance, Robin Marmo, Kim Merrill, Lisa Okimoto, Sylvia Reyes, Lori Richman, and Maripi Dionisio watch for their cue. The girl at the head of each line must march at the same pace or the two lines will be uneven.

▲ Cutting the flowers for the bouquets, Mrs. Im, advisor, assists Debbie Boerlin. Mrs. Im, along with Mrs. Greenlee and Mrs. O'Donnell co-advise the honor guards.

Beauty And Brains

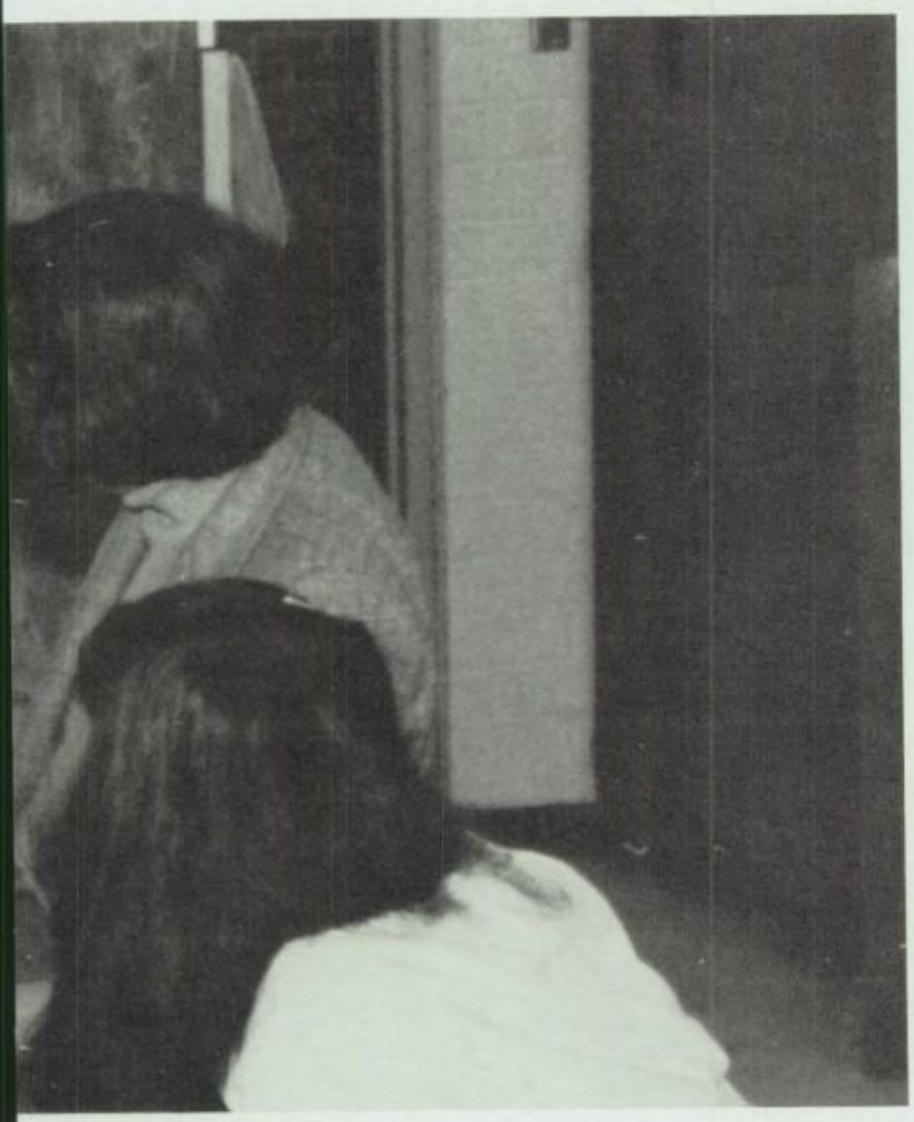
Jr. Honor Guard

Bouquets were made from netting, styrofoam, and carnations. The girls arranged these to complement their lovely pastel hats and formals. Carol MacDonald quoted "It was fun to be saying goodbye to all my senior friends." Graciously, they marched before the seniors with pride.

"The Junior Honor Guards make graduation happier"

Angie Moore

All those girls benefitted from this pre-graduation. Preceding the graduating class, these stars added a touch of elegant style and tradition.

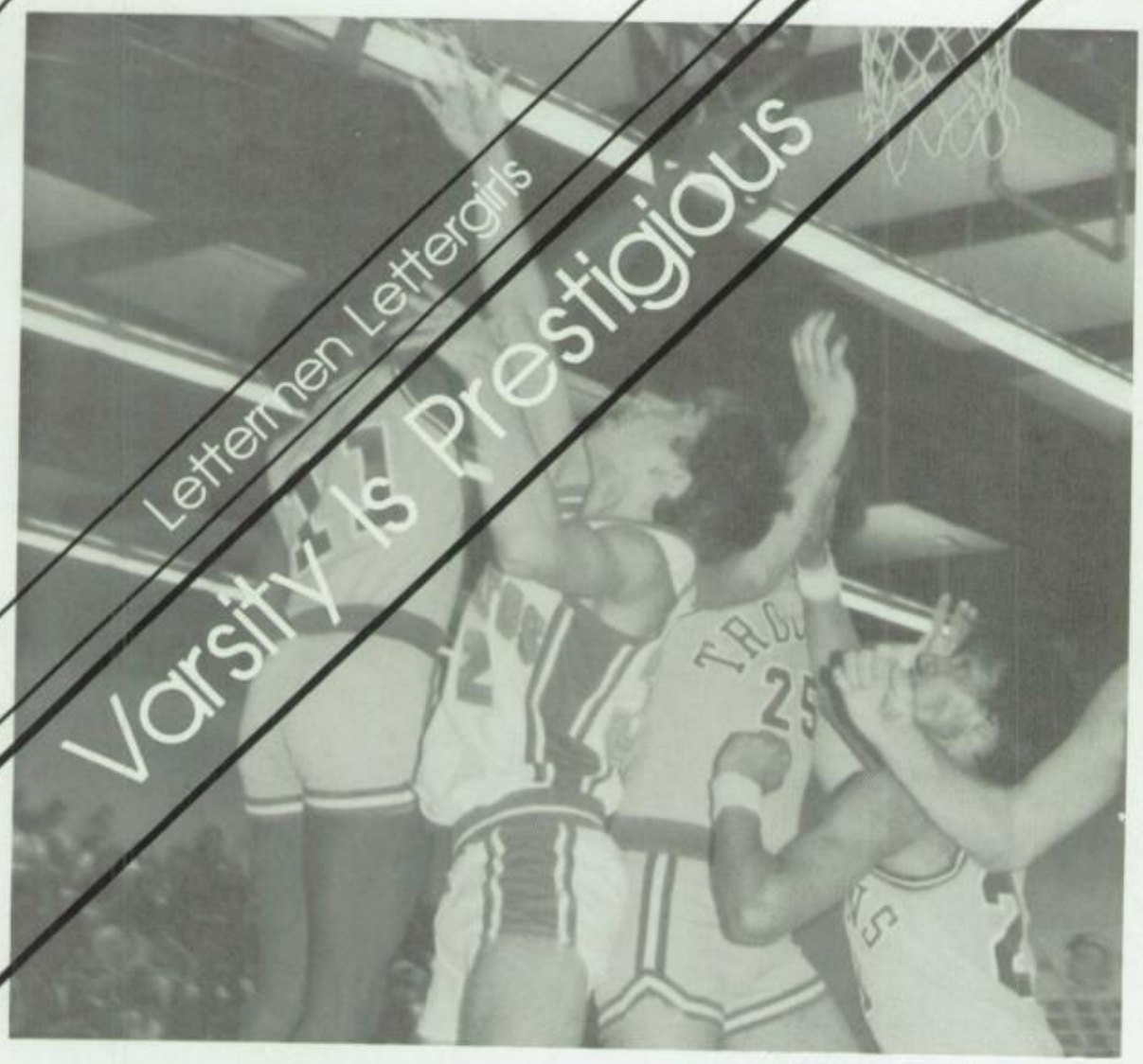


▲ Preparing their bouquets, Tracy Claiborne, Debbie Jung, Violet Ortega, and Sylvia Reyes lace in flowers. The Jr. Honor Guards always prepare their own bouquets.

▲ JUNIOR HONOR GUARDS: **Front Row:** Ana Valdes, Linda Mar, Valerie Louie, Carol MacDonald, Lori Richman, Lori Fuhriman, Debbie Jung, Alma Hernandez, Maripi Dionisio. **Second Row:** Dana Ringland, Kim Haggerty, Chris Benavides, Julie McMillen, Robin Cowley, Colette Pourian, Rhonda Nuno, Debby Mancino, Kim Merrill. **Third Row:** Susan Gomez, Melinda Kim, Tina Brown, Violet Ortega, Karen Voss, Adrianne Heslet, Jeanne Kim, Debbie Hearn, Lisa Okimoto, Sylvia Reyes. **Back Row:** Monica Johnson, Cindi Berry, Susi Yee-Dong, Cymantha Wood, Carrie Wade, Tracy Claiborne, Sharon Clonts, Amy Thompson, Debbie Boerlin, Macy Wright, Gayle Heimann.

Varsity Is Prestigious

Lettermen Lettergirls



▲ Boxing out his Edgewood opponents, Chris Koches goes up for the rebound. Chris helped his team to a victory over Edgewood.

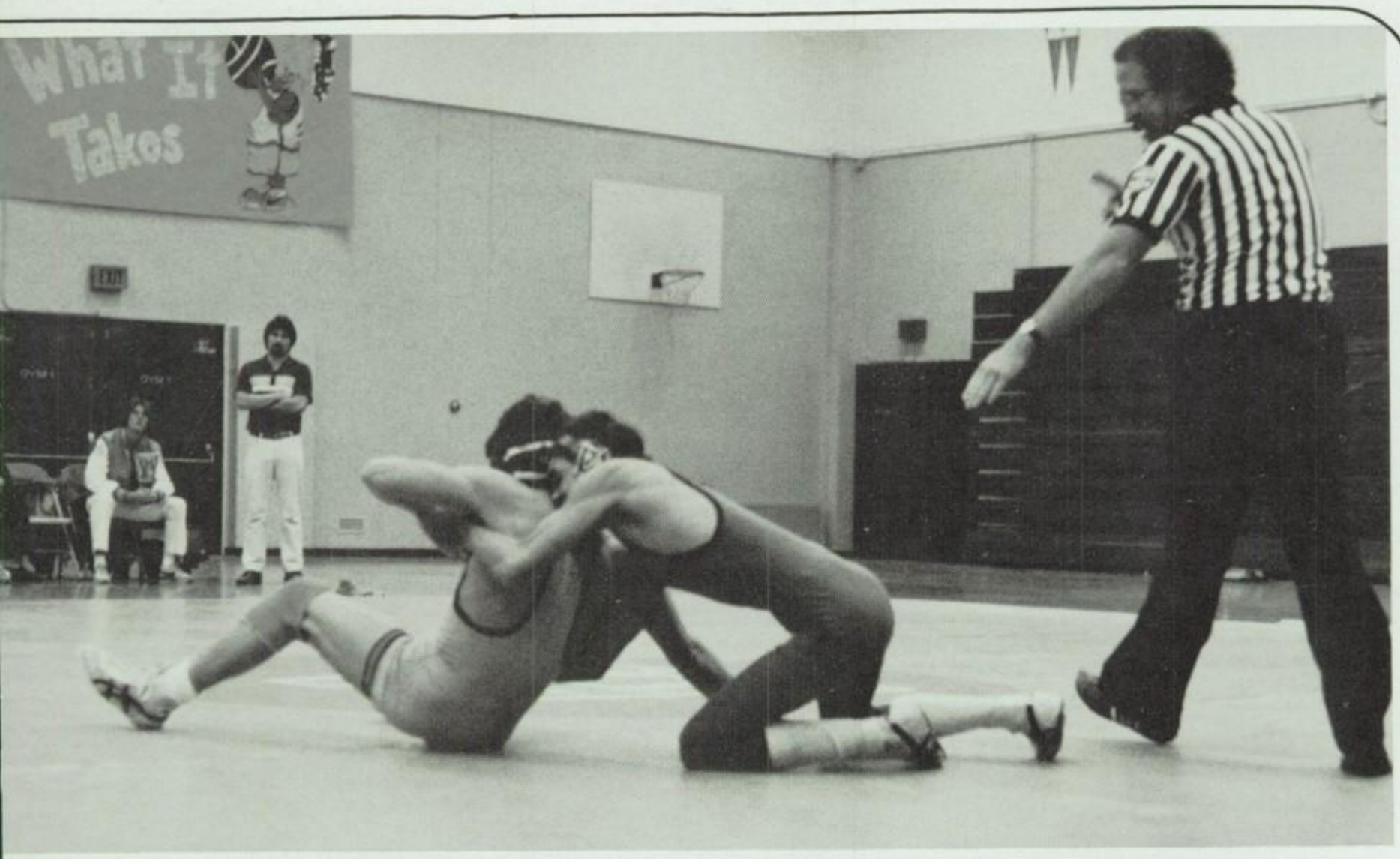
▲ Up for a flying pass, Daren Davis catches another hard pass. These receptions helped us go all the way to being the C.I.F. champs.

The pride of L.A.-our band, our scholastic achievers, and our athletes, were some of the people we were proud of. And what better group could be called the Conquerors than our own letterpeople? The Lettermen and Lettergirls clubs boast as members only the very best athletes. In addition to being an honors club, Mrs. Meyers said this about the lettergirl club she advised: "It's an arena where the varsity girls from different sports can get together and talk about common problems and common goals." Besides trying to help each other, in their monthly meetings, the girls can discuss problems they're encountering in their sport, request financial assistance for their team, find where to get the best deal on letter jackets, or plan the famous Powder Puff football game where the girls execute the plays and the boys cheer them on.

Both the Lettergirls and Lettermen clubs are open to anyone who meets the requirements for the varsity team of their sport. The Lettermen have a once a year fee of two or three dollars. Besides being an aid to the athletes themselves, the clubs use the money made from Powder Puff ticket sales to put pictures in the varsity locker room and athletic room.

"We have to have a lot of time and money," Mr. Brundage the Lettermen club advisor noted, "to put all the C.I.F. players and player-of the-year pictures up in the locker room."

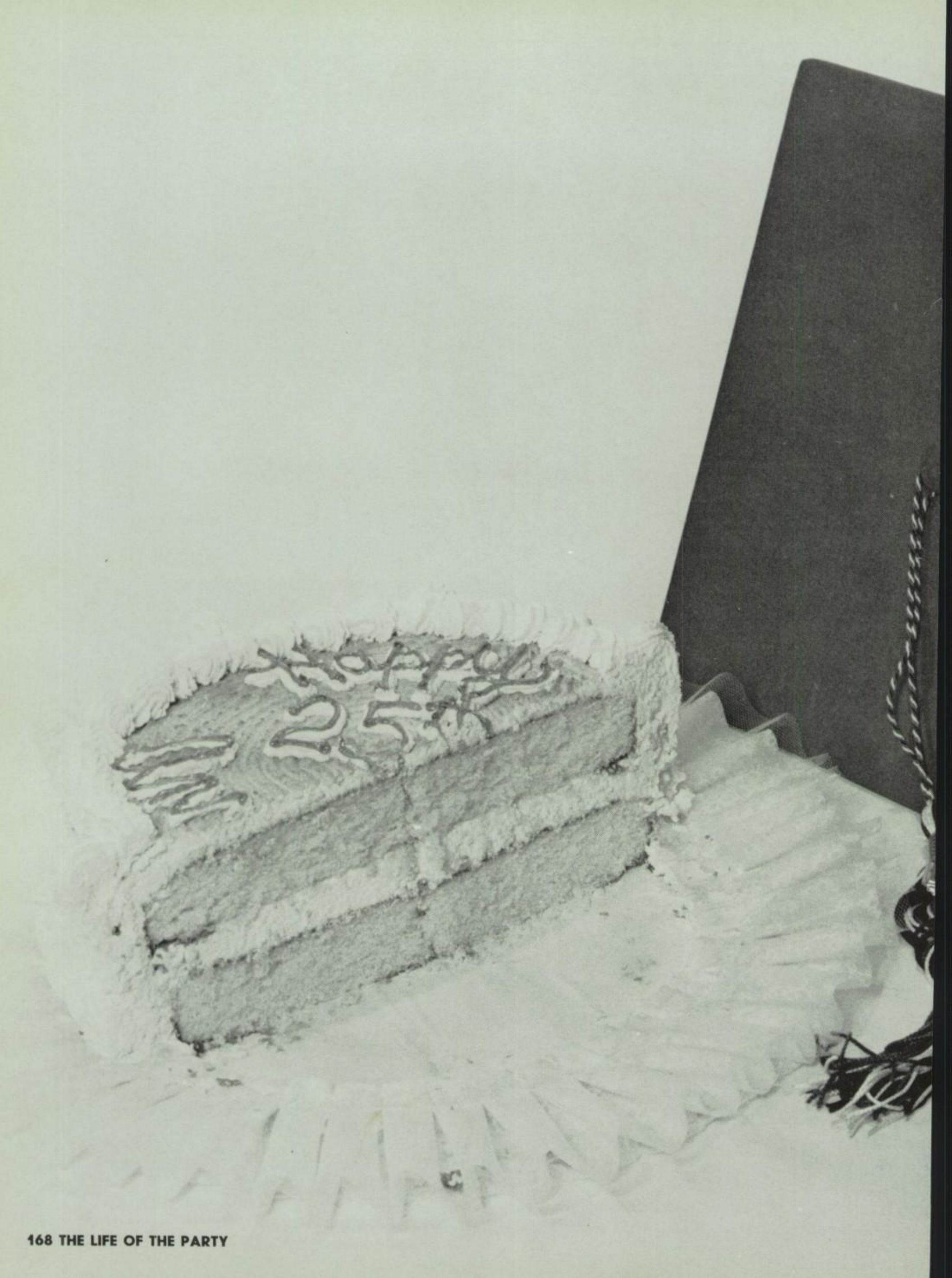
Basically, every varsity athlete can benefit from the Letterpeople's clubs. One could use the opportunity to work out sports problems or just be a member of a very prestigious club.



▲ Pinning down a Walnut player, L.A. quickly gets the take down. Lettermen and Lettergirls need a lot of money to keep their varsity sports going.

◀ Shooting to gain two points on Wilson, Lisa Holguin goes up to make the shot. Off the floor Lettergirls organize the Powderpuff football game.

▲ Taking matters in his own hands, Mike Smith sends a spiraling pass to the end zone. One benefit of being a Letterman is getting a locker in the varsity lockerroom.



The Life of the Party

Seniors

irano, Suzie Edwards, Todd Kawakami

"The senio exclaimed twelfth grad antha Wood. Yes, if you took a stroll on campus, it would be obvious who was the "life of the party" at Los Altos. The 515 members of the senior class held a position that any underclassman would envy.

As Armando Azpeitia commented, "rank has its privileges!" Full control of that plot of land called the "senior mall" belonged solely to those powerful seniors. And though trashcanning freshmen were a thing of the past, ninth graders still gave their "superiors" due respect.

To go with their privileges, the seniors now had a myriad of responsibilities. While the most important decision they had to make before was what clothes to wear or where to go on Saturday night, the graduating class now had to decide what they were going to do with the rest of their lives.

Some seniors, like Vered Kiflawi, looked forward to college. "I'm happy to finally go to college and continue my education," She said. For others, that final decision meant going into a new career, enlisting in the a med services, or even getting married.

Whatever they went on to do, the "life of the party" would find success.

Nelson Abal

Janine Adams

Carlos Adeva

Adela Aguilar

Shannon Ahhaitty

Carol Allaway

Patricia Allen

Carol Allison

Complete Dedication

"We had a piano; I played and I enjoyed listening to music." That's how Laurie Atagi's interest in playing the piano sprouted! At the youthful age of 8 years old, Laurie learned how to play the piano. "It was enjoyable for me and music was entertaining."

"It has been a privilege to watch Laurie grow from a small child to a young adult and hear her progress in music from a beginner to a young artist," exclaimed Janelle Poull, Laurie's piano teacher.

Ten years older and much more accomplished at the keyboard, Laurie continues to practice about 1 ½ hours a day. "I practice to improve, prepare for recitals, and also for fun; I like to listen to the music that I play because sometimes it helps me to relieve tension or dispel my bad moods."

Laurie's motto of "practice makes perfect" prompted her to participate in the Certificate of Merit Program, a program sponsored by the Music Teachers Association of California and designed to help develop musical talents.

Laurie has a lot of determination and her mom, Mary Atagi, has an overflow of confidence in her daughter. "I'm really proud of her. I like the music she plays. It makes me feel really good!"

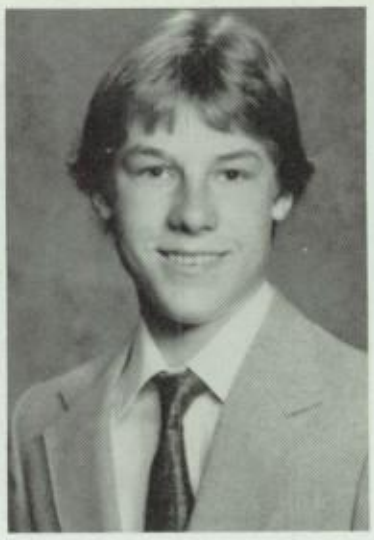
As a senior, Laurie maintained a 4.0 G.P.A. Even with advanced classes and being an accomplished pianist, Laurie's activities didn't stop there! "I played basketball, enjoyed watching sports, played the clarinet in the band (Clarinet Section Leader), was active in church activities, and was a Senior Girl Scout."

Laurie's schedule is busy and she works hard to live up to her own expectations. "I plan to attend U.C. Berkley, majoring in chemical engineering and perhaps minoring in music."

Mrs. Poull in closing, "I will remember her always with love and affection, and I know the future holds many exciting experiences for her!"

Roxanne Almeida

Simona Alvarez



Bob Andrews

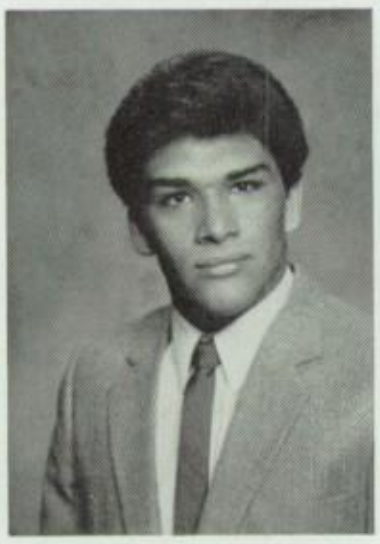
John Andersson

Jerrold Anguiano

Rachel Antonissen

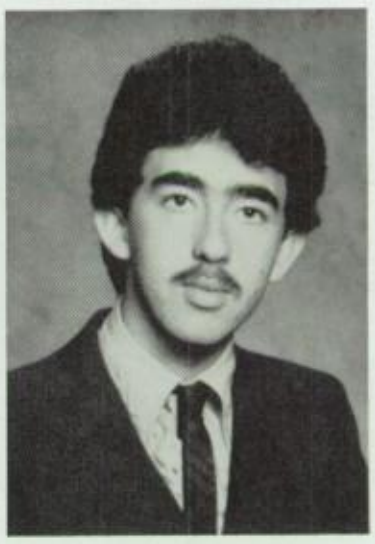
Georgina Aguilar

Eric Arakaki



Jack Arballo

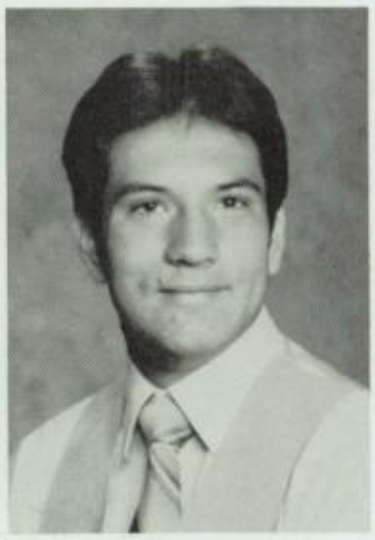
Michelle Arriola



Ramon Arroyo

Laurie Atagi

Carmela Avila



Rene Avila

◖ Laurie Atagi has been playing the piano for ten years. She practices an hour and a half a day and still manages to maintain a 4.0 grade point average.

Armando Azpeitia

Gordon Baker

Scott Baldridge

Valerie Bant

Rosa Barcelo

Brenda Barnett

Charlene Barrios

Gary Bates

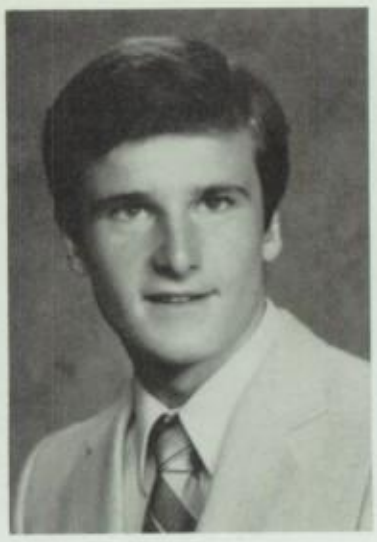
Victor Bautista

John Becker

Christine Benavides

Phil Benson

One senior privilege is the Mall area reserved exclusively for use by seniors. Underclassmen had better not be caught there!



David Beran

Lars Bergman

Paul Beringer

Glynis Berna

Cindi Berry

Ann Black

Steve Blagg

Maria Boctor

Seniors Get Lucky!

When you finally become a senior, you are no longer part of the underclass. You have some benefits and privileges not enjoyed by the other students. These benefits range from getting to register first to just choosing what sport you want to participate in during P.E.

As a senior, you have many other benefits. The use of the Senior Mall seems to be one of your favorites. Beloved, before, after, and during lunch, only seniors are to be in the Mall. The Senior Breakfast and the Senior Ditch Day are other favorites. Even though the Senior Ditch Day is not a legal absence, it takes place on the second to the last day of school. All the seniors get together early in the morning and have breakfast, then later don't report to school. The day is sometimes spent sunning at the beach if the weather permits.

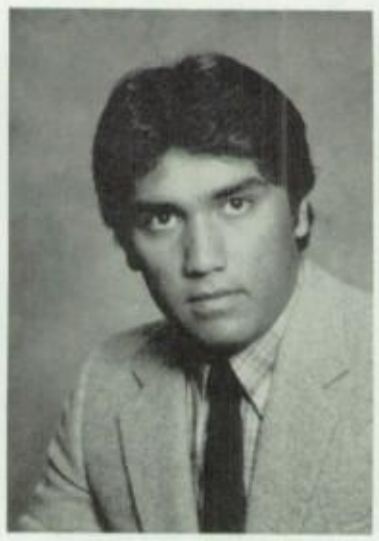
The Baccalaurate is another benefit for the seniors. It is a religious ceremony held on the Sunday before graduation, which tends to lend more dignity to the graduation ceremony. (Not all seniors are required to participate.) A popular benefit the seniors have, which happens during the time of registration, is that they don't have to take the required five classes. To extend this list even further, seniors are not even required to live in this district to attend our school!

You are the privileged ones! Use these privileges to your greatest advantage. They can make your senior year the most memorable of your four years of high school.

Deborah Boerlin

Perry Boggini

Esther Bolin



Ronald Briseno

Dianne Brown

Tina Brown

Anne Buker

Daniel Burnett

Chris Cahhal

Anna Cappadona

L.A.H.S. Students Win

This year Los Altos entered a team of students in the Academic Decathlon. The Academic Decathlon is an in-depth quiz of the student's knowledge of several subject areas. These subject areas were: Mathematics, Science, Social Science, English and Literature, Economics, Essay, Speech, and Fine Arts.

The decathlon was held November 22. Eighteen schools in Los Angeles County participated. Each school was represented by six students. Two of the students had an A average (3.75 and above), two had a B average, and the other two had a C average. Los Altos' representatives were Robin Marmo, Carol Endo, John Hirano, Vered Kiflawi, Diana Hoover, and Kathi Patterson. They were under the supervision of Mr. Joseph Turk. For two months the students met three times a week to prepare for the decathlon. In the contest A students were pitted against A students, B students against B students, and C against C. The students were presented with a question in a particular subject area. They were then asked to write the answer. The two monitors directly behind the participans would check the answer. Points were awarded for a correct response.

Part of the contest included a Super Quiz, which was a test of in-depth knowledge in the area of housing. Each participant was also awarded points on an interview.

The final tally placed Beverly Hills High School in first place and Warren High School of Downey in second.

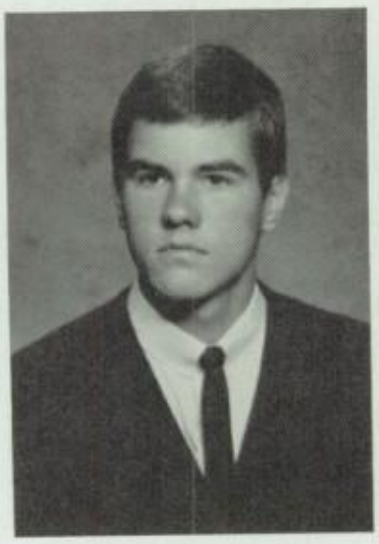
Los Altos did not leave with empty hands. Carol Endo placed first in English and Literature; Robin Marmo placed second in Social Sciences; and Vered Kiflawi placed third in Mathematics.

On December 2, a banquet was held at the Pasadena Hilton Hotel to honor the participants of the decathlon; however two of our six participants could not attend because of various ailments and injuries.

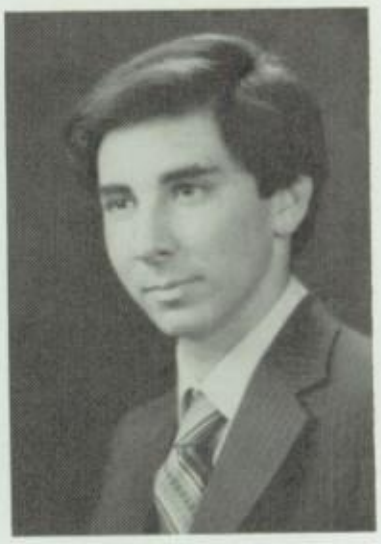
▲ Here is our Academic Decathlon team. Top row: Mr. Turk, Coach, Kathi Patterson, Robin Marmo, Carol Endo. Bottom row: Diana Hoover, John Hirano, and Vered Kiflawi. Carol, Robin, and Vered all placed in the L.A. County Decathlon.

Kay Carpenter

Brenda Caro



Cameron Carlson



Anthony Cassar

Danny Caton

Paul Champommier

Lee Chang

Matt Chao

Sandra Charbonnier

Linda Chavez

Cho-Han Cheng

Chou-Hsien Cheng

Laurie Christensen

Lori Chronis

Tracy Claiborne

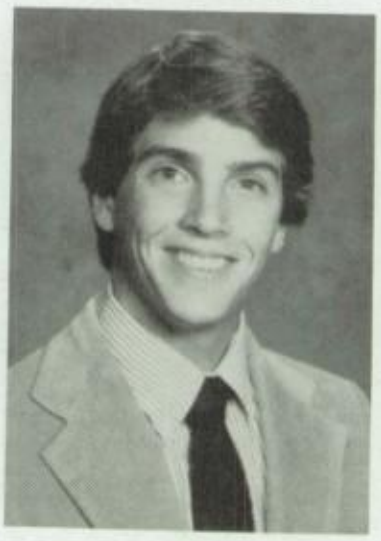
David Clonts

Sharon Clonts

Robbin Coleman

Teresa Coley

Tom Collins



John Conlin

Chris Connolly

Stephanie Constancio

Chris Coppa

Constantly On The Go

Debbie Hearn has been an incredibly active person in her four years at Los Altos. Over the years, Debbie has been in approximately twenty-five activities, and has still managed to maintain a 4.0 grade point average. When asked how she margins out her time from her active schedule and still continues to achieve outstanding grades, she replied, "Sometimes I don't margin out my time. Actually, I just think to myself how many hours I have left (after practice) and do my homework, eat, etc. During that time I totally give up television."

Debbie does not regret getting so involved because it keeps her alive. When asked if her parents objected to her being so involved in school activities, she answered, "Sometimes they say that I should quit everything because I get sick a lot, but mainly they are all for my being active."

In addition to these accomplishments, Debbie has won the Women's Society Award of Merit for High Honors in science and mathematics. She was also honored in the Who's Who among American High School Students. Debbie is also a talented pianist. She has taken four to five years of lessons and has continued to practice on her own. Debbie gained her interest in music from her father, an accomplished musician. She enjoys playing the piano because it is very enjoyable.

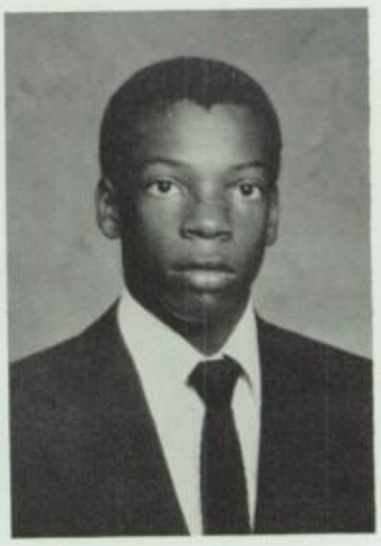
Debbie is also involved in a variety of school sports. She became involved in school sports duing her sophomore year when she tried out for the volleyball team. Although she did not make it, she decided to become involved in other sports, such as basketball and badminton. She enjoyed it so much, that she decided to continue to participate in school sports. Ironically she made the varsity volleyball team this year.

All of Debbie's accomplishments will certainly help her achieve her goal of becoming a physician.

Jackie Corbino

Cindy Corcione

Jennifer Cormack



Kenny Cottman

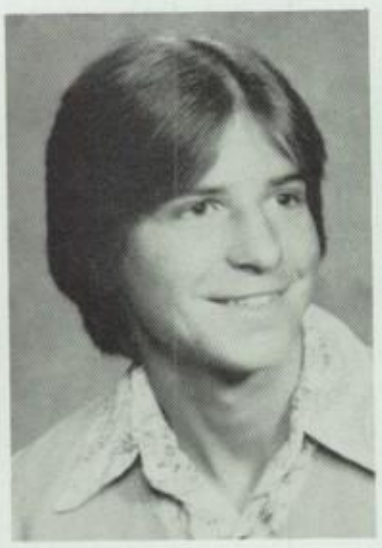
Robin Cowley

Terese Coy

Kimberly Crawford

Michelle Crook

Debbie Hearn happily accepts her award for her 4.0. She has been an excellent student all through her four years at Los Altos.



Keith Dadisman

Brent Dahlitz

Robert Daleo

Paul D'Amico

Daren Davis

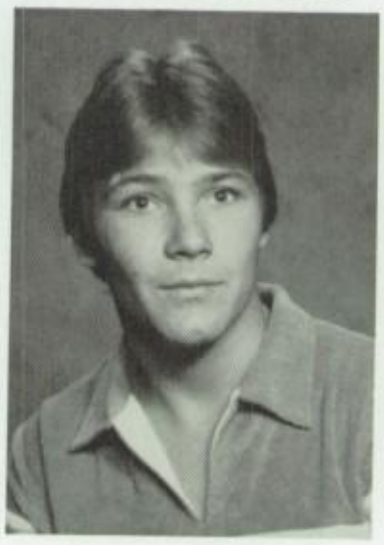
Allen De La Cruz

Dolores De La Torre

Patrick Delgadillo

Cynthia Delgado

Maria Delgado



Richard Dennis

Andra Dent

Dawn Desmond

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Maripi Dionisio

Ana Dominguez

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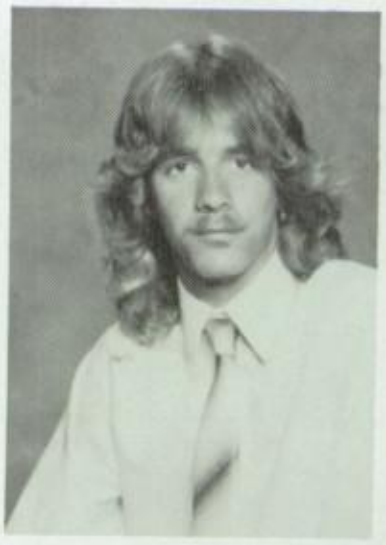
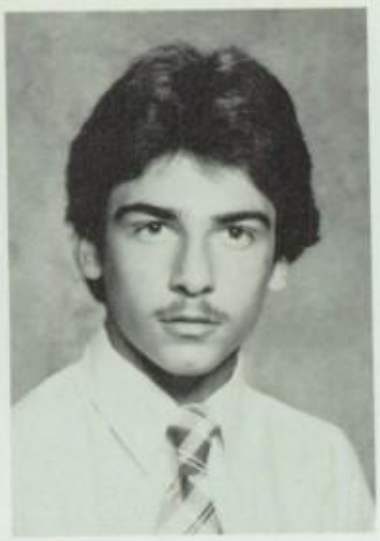


Richard Dongelmans

◆ Robert Hoffman accepts his award for his outstanding grades. This and his involvement in school activities are some of the reasons why he was chosen to be our state representative.



Richard Dorsey

Mickey Drake

Kim Dupuis

Heidi Dutch

Suzie Edwards

Majid Elbiali

Jon Ellmore

Carol Endo

What's A State Rep?

Boys and Girls State Representatives are students who get the privilege of going to a weeklong summer seminar at California State University, Sacramento, to learn about the specific functions of the California State Governmental system and gaining greater knowledge about how the system works.

This year's representatives from Los Altos were Robert Hoffman and Macy Wright. The alternate representatives were Mike Smith and Monica Johnson. These students were chosen by Mr. Mauch and the school administrators.

During their stay at the university, Robert and Macy had the chance to get involved in many different activities. They attended various meetings, had some political party rallies, elected members to govern them during the week's stay; they made their own state laws, listened to some guest speakers, and learned about several political issues.

Robert Hoffman and Macy Wright were asked if they enjoyed the state convention. "I enjoyed the convention because it was so unlike anything that I've ever been part of. I really feel that I gained a great deal from being a part of Girls State, both knowledge-wise and friendship-wise," answered Macy Wright. "I enjoyed Boys State because it made me, as well as others, feel important. It gave us all a good feeling when we made decisions that affected the rest of the representatives. I enjoyed it because it really gave me a sense of responsibility."

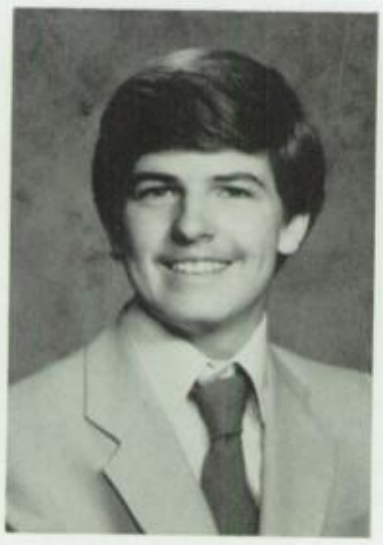
Robert Hoffman and Macy Wright gained a lot of knowledge about the State Government as well as making some new friends.

Chris Erickson

Julie Erickson

Sandra Escalante

Karen Espinosa



Allen Eubanks

Norbert K. Everling

Todd Ewanho

Kimberly Fairfield

Mark Fang

Kim Ferguson

Caron Fice

Danny Fierro

A Retrospective Look

Did you find yourself digging through your mom's or dad's old clothing from their high school days? Or even your grandparents' for that matter? Did you scavenge for great buys at the local thrift shop? Well then you were part of the crowd trying to get into one of the latest looks, the preppie look. Did the 50's and the 60's way of dress come back? Most definitely! Everybody wore plaid shorts, penny loafers, bobby socks, and pumps.

The new way of dress called for a new style of hair. The guys wore it long in front and on top, cut short over the ears and short in the back. The girls wore a slightly longer version of the male cut. To get the spiked effect, they grease their hair to stand straight up.

Highwater jeans, sleeveless shirts, and bandanas worn around necks and anywhere else appropriate were definitely "in". Walking through the halls, one got the feeling of walking onto a "Happy Days" set.

Macy Wright really likes the style. She says, "It's fun to be able to go through my mom's old clothing and find things that I like to wear." Macy's mother finds it interesting. "I get a kick out of seeing the teen-agers today reverting back to the traditional style of dressing," Mrs. Wright admits.

This was one stylish fad that didn't empty mom's and dad's wallets. It's probably very refreshing for them to see their kids reliving their school days. It must surely bring back many memories.

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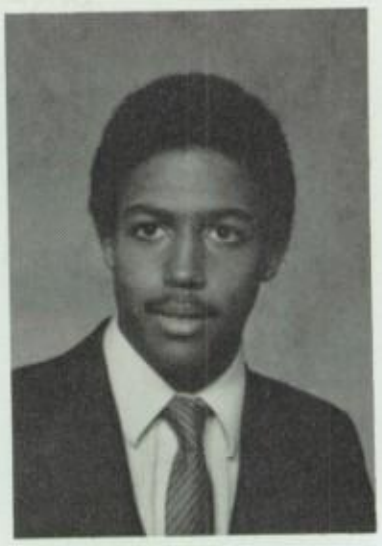

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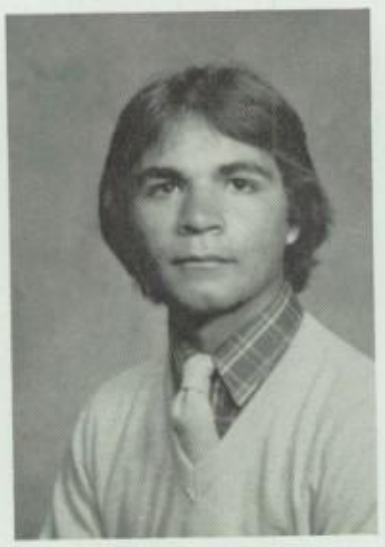

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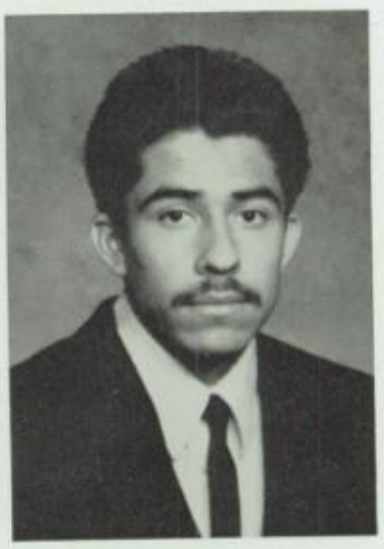

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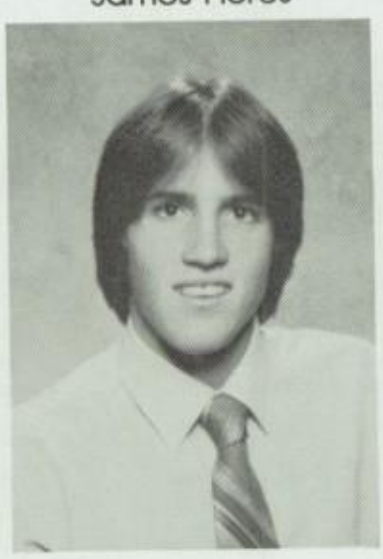

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Lisa Franz

Robert Fraser

Debbie Auerbach and Ruthie Mahard are modeling one of the latest styles sweeping through Los Altos, The Prep. This style became popular when brand names like Izod Lacoste, Polo, and Le Tigere came out.

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June Garcia

Monica Garcia

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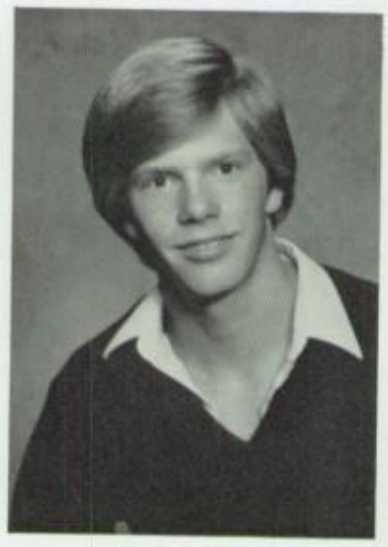

Jim Garrett

Suzanne Gelmini

Brad Genco

Hard Work Pays Off

If your senior year seemed to be exceptionally fun, it was probably due to the changes and new ideas from the senior class officers. They worked extra hard to make your senior year as memorable as possible.

One of the most successful events was the senior picnic. In the month of October, the entire senior class was invited to meet at the Los Robles park for a barbeque. The tickets sold for $1.50. Hamburgers and hotdogs were served with all the garnishes and a beverage. It was a huge success, thoroughly enjoyed by each and every student. There were many activities planned for the evening. Among them were: volleyball, kickball, frisbee, and every kind of leg race thinkable. There were approximately 140 participants, which was exceptionally good for the first attempt. The proceeds of the barbeque went to the senior class fund. The barbeque lasted until dusk, then, relentlessly the seniors filed out of the park.

Many seniors commented on the success of the barbeque. They were obviously shocked by the participation of their peers.

Another major success was the senior section, which provided for the separation of the students and the rest of the crowd. This section was located between the 40 and 50 yard lines. This way, the students have their own cheering section.

Tee shirts were sold with the year of the graduating class printed on them. Many seniors were anxious to purchase the tee shirts as memorabilia.

The senior officers responsible for much of the activities are: Debbie Mancino, president; Dave Clontz, vice-president; Gayle Heimann, secretary; and Lori Richman, treasurer.

There were many more activities planned to assure the seniors of an exciting, memorable year and to welcome the new comers.

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Susan Gomez

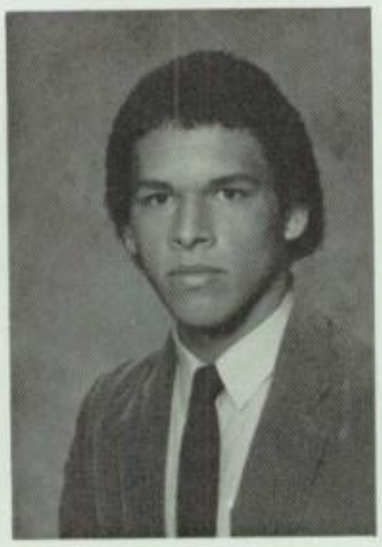
Martha Gonzalez

Piedad Gonzalez

Robert Gonzalez

Mark Gongone

Maureen Lynn Gravitt



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Evette Grimsley

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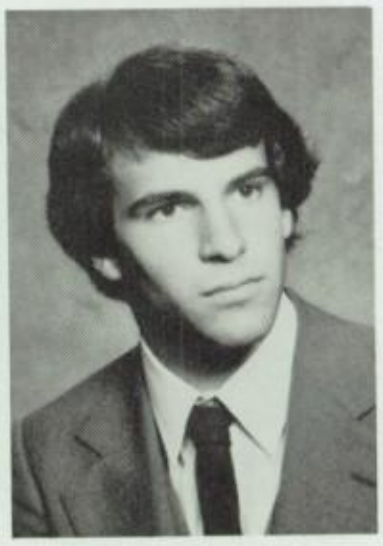

Andre Guardi

To most seniors, it was just a funfilled year! But, not enough credit is given to the senior class officers who spent many hours organizing the various activities held throughout the year. Debbie Mancino, Senior President, creatively coordinates the finishing touches to the successful Senior picnic.

Diana Gudino

Rosemarie Guerro

Cynthia Gutierrez

Dean Gutierrez

Rhonda Gutierrez

Kim Haggerty

Lori Hair

Elizabeth Hamilton

Gina Haney

Eric Hart

Vernon Hart

Karen Hartwig

Vals Are Here Fer Shurr!

Totally, I'm shurr, no way! Sound familiar? It should; it's used daily by the valley girls around campus. It's become one of the latest fads, but like most fads, they don't last long.

The "valley-girl" originated in the San Fernando Valley, but it fast became evident that her type could be found in middle and upper class areas across the nation. This unique type of girl got to be called a "val" because of the hot five minute single record by that brilliant 15-year old, Moon Zappa.

What exactly is a valley girl? She's a girl from an affluent family, and is between the ages of 13 and 17. If her passions are shopping, popularity, pigging out on junk food, and piling on cosmetics, she's probably a val "Fer Shurr".

Another way to determine a "val" is by the amount of money she pours into clothes, sunglasses, lip gloss, Tab, Doritos, bubble gum, movies, and records. If she spends a lot of money on these items, the verdict can only be "Totally", particularly if she pronounces the word, "Toe-dully"

Vals often crowd into the ultra cool stores from the Galleria in Sherman Oaks, California, to the Galleria in New York. Minis and ruffles, short pants, jackets with up turned collars, dangling earrings and headbands are in.

The vocabulary used by vals is a dead give-away. The words are accentuated by the blas'e enunciation and special way of talking that combines a pinched nasal drawl with a highpitched song rhythm. "Omigod" is stretched over two octaves,

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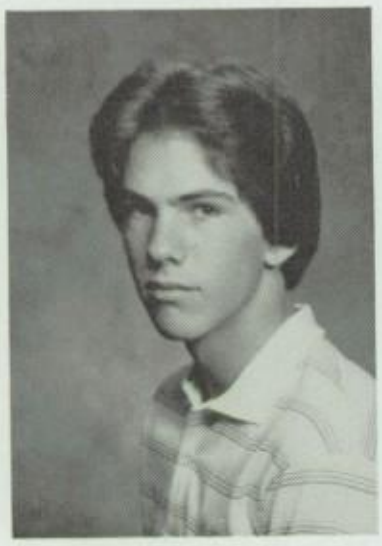
Amy Heilmann

Greg Heilmann

Gayle Heimann



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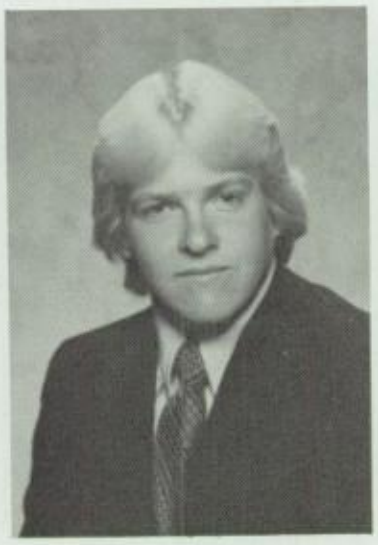

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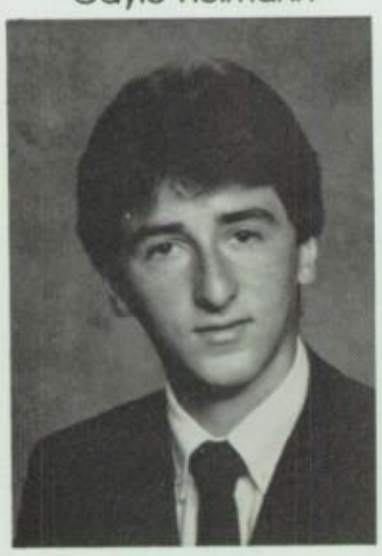

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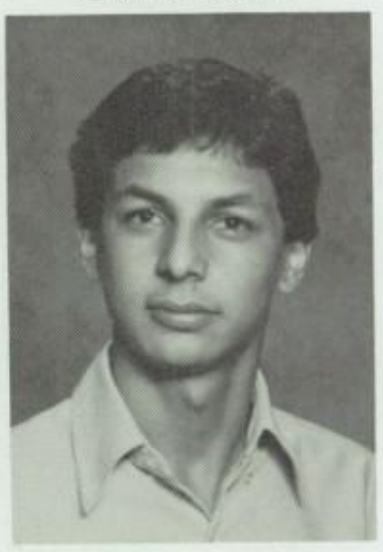
John Hernandez



Pat Hernandez

while "totally' is expressed through clenched teeth with the emphasis on the first syllable. "I'm shurr", The ultimate refection, is mumbled in a sarcastic way. "Barf me out" and "gag me with a spoon" is another way of showing their disapproval.

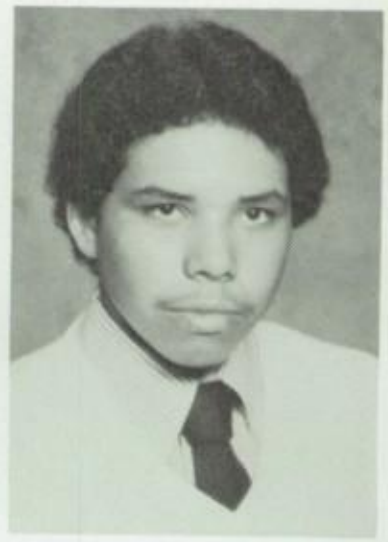
Don't ever ask a val to wash the dishes or to clean the catbox because you'll probably get a response like, "Gross me out" or "Groddie to the max".

In true **"Valley girl"** style, Stephanie Williams, Lori Kowitz, and Selena Hermosillo stroll toward their lunchtime destination. A distinguishing trait is their unique style of dress.

Sandra Hernandez

Yolanda Hernandez

Norma Herrera



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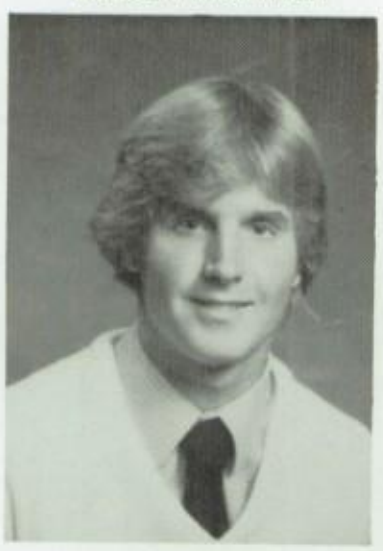

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To insure a better understanding by the students of Los Altos, Sabine Schmid explains exactly what is a foreign exchange student. She traveled from Germany to the United States to live with an American family.

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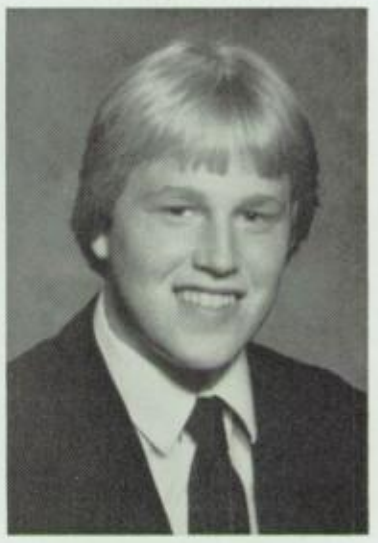

Paul R. Jordan

Scott Joyner

Deborah Jung

A Fantastic Journey

Foreign exchange student Sabine Schmid has spent the entire 16 years of her life in West Germany. Sabine arrived in the U.S. in August and is staying with the De Groes family until July. Her visit to the U.S. was made possible through "Youth for Understanding", an international foreign exchange service.

Although Sabine would not like to live in California, in her opinion, "It's great." She does plan on coming back to visit California someday. Sabine's future plans include: graduating from her school, which goes to the 13th grade, and continuing to go to college for as many as seven years to study medicine. School here is much easier for Sabine because she has taken classes such as physics,, chemistry, and biology, since her fifth grade year. She is very fluent in German, English, French, Latin, and she knows a little italian.

When asked what her biggest shock was when she stepped off the airplane, Sabine replied, "All the girls wear make-up." She is really amazed at all the different nationalities in California.

Unlike most people, Sabine is not easily influenced by her surroundings. She's not into the new wave craze but likes soft music rather well. She does agree with most Americans in that she likes pizza and E.T.

Many people have their own philosophies that help them through their every day life. Sabine would like to share with us a German philosophy that has always helped her:

Das Leben isl wie ein Spiel enlweder man verliert oder man gewinnt, aber auf jede Niederlage folgt ein sieg.

Translated it means: "Life is like a game; either you win or you lose, but after each loss there will always be a victory."

Eddie Kallio

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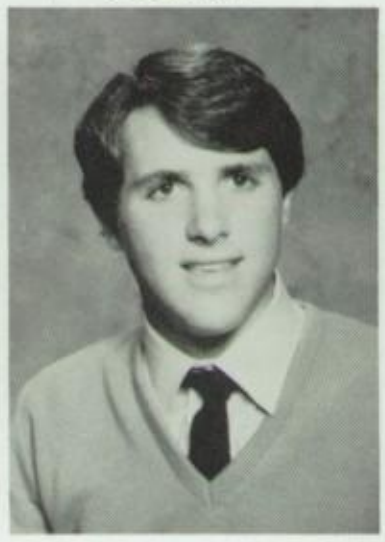

Russell Kline

More Than One Alternative

It's a well known fact that going to college can be expensive, and with inflation growing, the cost of college life will also increase. "Where can I get money to pay for college?", is a common question many have asked! To defray the cost, there are always scholarships and/or financial aid that can help. But many people don't know of them. As Ann Landers once said, "Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them."

Indeed it is hard work finding scholarships, although scholarships can be obtained through a great many sources. There are national directories that tell which scholarships for which one might be eligible. Further, various clubs and organizations in the community provide small scholarships. Moreover, large companies that parents might work for also give out scholarships.

Colleges also defray costs through awards, loans, and jobs that the school provides. In addition, the California Student Aid Admission provides Cal Grants A, B, and C, which are grants based on need and aptitude. There are also federal financial aid programs that provide grants, for example the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program or the Pell Grant. Furthermore, there are also other ways of getting money through federal programs such as the National Direct

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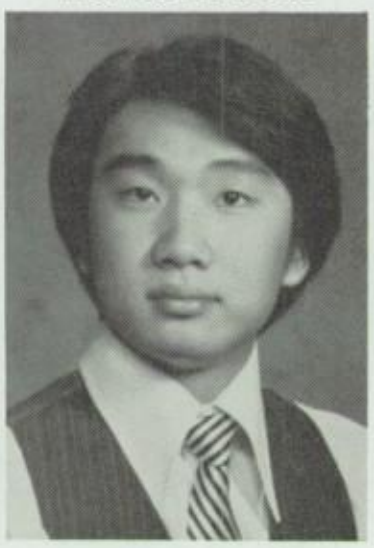

Sang H. Lee

Pete Lepp

Student Loan, the Guaranteed Student Loan Program, or the College Work-Study Program. All of these have certain requirements, but that shouldn't be discouraging at all!

If you do have any questions or would like more information about any program stated, you can get more information by contacting your counselor or visiting the career center.

▲ With an increase in college costs, nearly every senior that was going to a university filled out the Cal Grant forms. These applications were used by college-bound seniors to apply for grants, loans, and scholarships.

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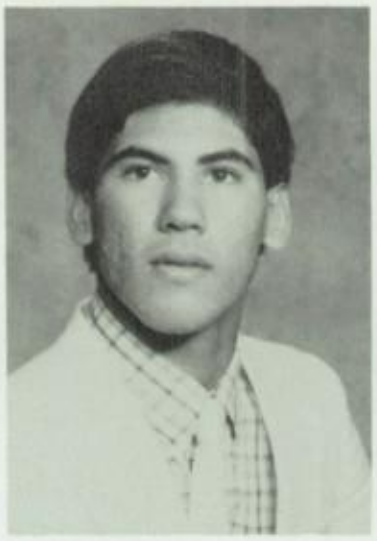

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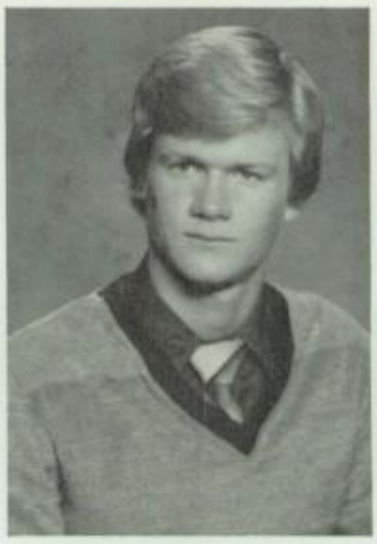

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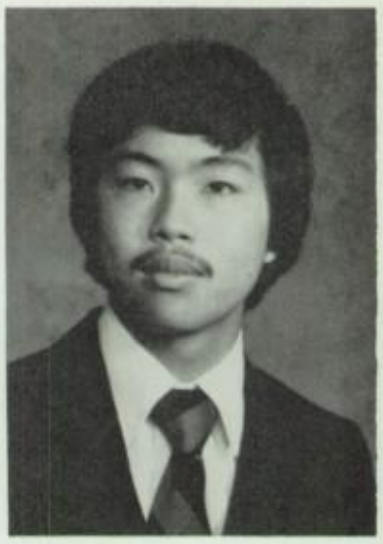

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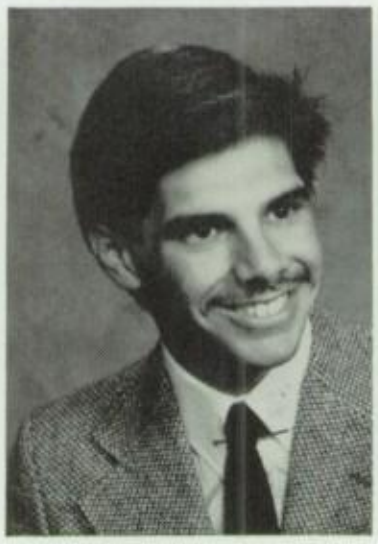

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Chris Lopez

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A Wise Investment

Has college always been an important part of your future? Did you ever think about the financial situation before your senior year? Most students are too busy worrying about their weekend plans to bother with finances.

When it comes right down to it, financial stability is very important. Then there are always those college-bound students that have been working extra hard to keep up their GPA, staying home Friday nights, studying instead of going out with their friends, working constantly to earn a scholarship.

For those that aren't too sure about going to college or just want to start out slow, there are always 19 state colleges in California such as Fullerton State, Cal Poly, San Diego State, etc., the tuition for a state college is $400 a year.

For students planning on going to a university, the cost is much higher. There are nine universities in California. UCLA costs approximately $1200 a year but add an extra $2825 for room and board fees. There are also other universities like UCI and Santa Barbara that have about the same price range.

There are many well known private colleges like USC, which costs approximately $7160 with a $3200 fee for room and board. Stanford, Harvard and Yale tuition fees are approximately $8000 but with all the extra fees for books, room and board, etc., the total would be $11,000 to $12,000. All private colleges vary in their tuitions but they are usually the most expensive of all colleges.

Everyone strives to be a success in the career they choose. For most people, college is a major factor, and the financial situation must be considered. To get further information on colleges and tuitions, Mr. Goodwin, in the Career Center, is always willing to help out.

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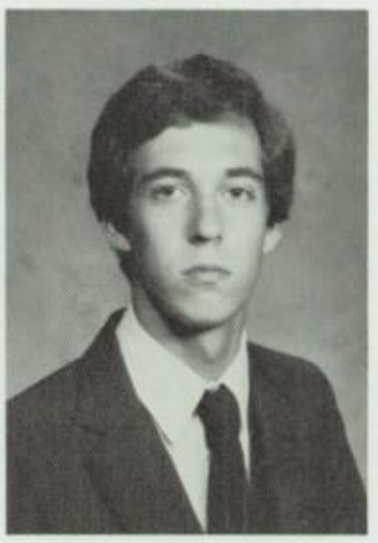

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Helen Manasian

Debby Mancino

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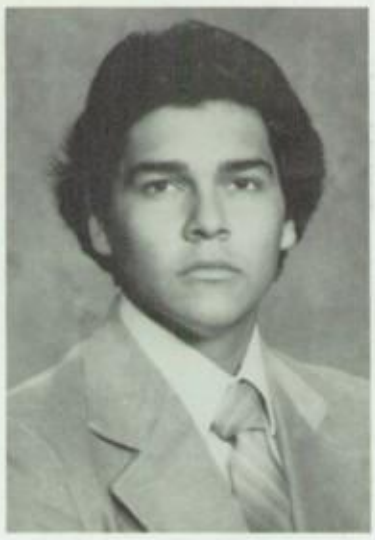
When finding the right college, many factors are taken into account: location, the kind of education one would receive, and cost. Like many students, Deroy Green takes time off from his busy schedule to look into the colleges he is considering.



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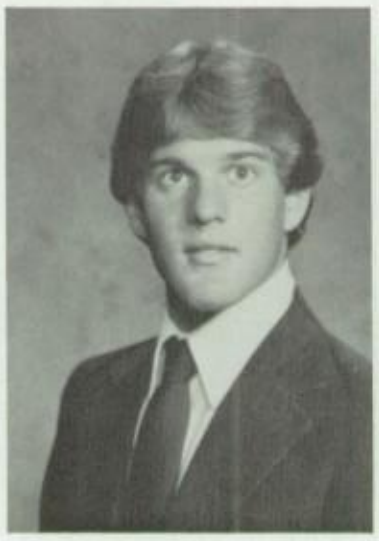

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Catching The Wave

Taking early roots in Canada, from British influence, came a new kind of music that was soon to become the new sound of the 80's. This music which has been increasing in popularity since 1975 had a name synonymous to the name punk. But by 1979, such diversity in performers had evolved, a classification of music had to be set up. The beat, the sound, all were taken into account, and punk quickly became an old work making way for the new. Bursting into the public eye came **"New Wave".** New Wave was influenced by pop, rock, reggae, jazz, and disco.

Although New Wave is hard to describe, it's loud, simple, fun, and is meaningful in that it has an intellectual nature. The lyrics to most of the songs deal with feelings and people, mainly with the basis on realism. It shows the dark side of humanity in a new light, making it brighter and less bitter.

The energy that transcends from the music is also a good descritpion of New Wave. It is reminiscent of the energy created in the music of the mid-60's. The **thump, thump, thump** beat gives off a **vibrant sensation** that runs through the souls of the individuals rapt in the music.

Having replaced disco, New Wave is the only pop music trend at the moment that is growing. The New Wave fevers popularity is here and fighting to stay. Proof of this is shown through the radio station ratings of the 1982 season. KROQ, a New Wave station, proved the fever by hitting the

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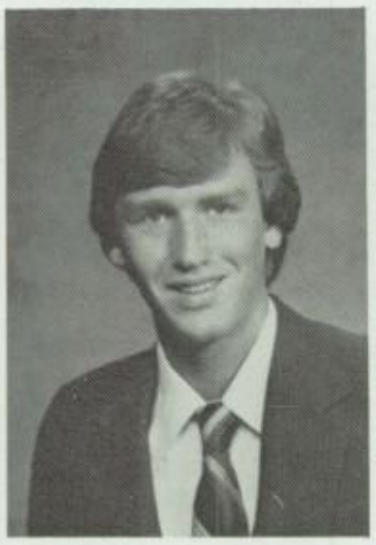


Kevin Morgan

Karen Morrow

record as the #1 radio station of 1982. To John Logic, KROQ disc jockey, "It only makes sense! New Wave is refreshing. A lot of the other stations kept playing the same music year after year, while KROQ updated their format."

In a song by Devo, the words say, "Everybody wants a good thing, everybody wants the same thing," and right now everybody wants New Wave!

With all music trends, there normally is a fashion trend that follows! Victoria Roberts and La Shon Givens pose in their New Wave dress!

Richard Nakamoto

Joseph P. Napoleon

Douglas Nason

Ardis Nelson

Trent Newton

Kinh Nguyen

Arthur Nila

Loree Nishida

Rick Nixt

Julie Noble

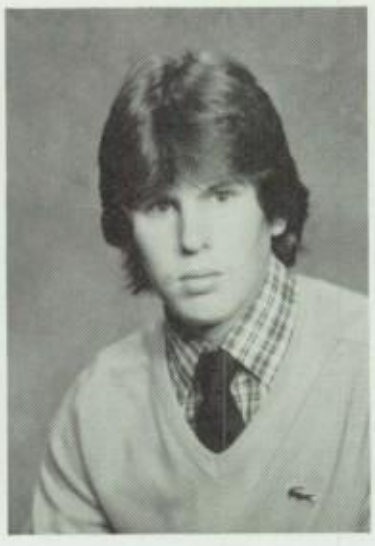
Nancy Noble

Akiko Nobunaga

Practice, practice, practice! Carefully placing her shots, Deborah Jung practiced daily to perfect her tennis skills. This is one way she made it all the way to the finals in the U.S. Open held in New York.

Curt Norris

Rhonda Nuno



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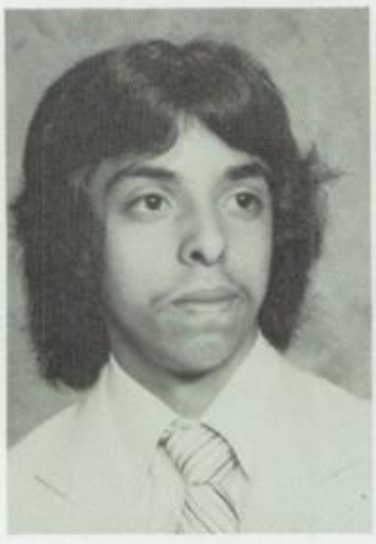

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Lisa Okimoto

Dawn Olazabal

Sherry Olson

Lourdes Ordoña

Conquering The Odds

"Last summer, my brother and I participated in The Family Equitable Tennis Challenge", replied Senior Deborah Jung, "under the brother-sister category."

First came the local tournament in Pasadena. Since there were only a small number of entries, Deborah and Steven Jung only had to play one round, which they won easily, 6-0, 6-0.

The next step was the district final where everyone played one match. The winner of one local tournament played the winner of another. The Jungs got lucky and didn't have to play anyone. They simply advanced as a winner would have.

Then came the last leg before the New York sectionals. The winning team in each division would go to New York during the last week of the U.S. Open. Steve and Debbie ended up in a high category with only three entries. After successful results, they were on their way.

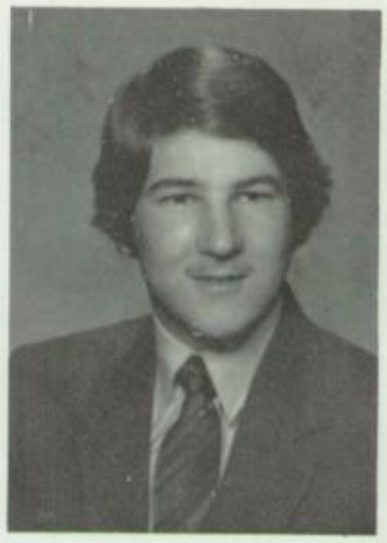
After trying for three years, the Jungs met their challenge. They spent the week before school started in New York where they faced an extremely tough competition. Debbie quotes, "We beat three good teams from sectionals in the U.S., then we were beaten in the finals."

With all past accomplishments, Debbie intends to play on a college team. Besides winning local tournaments, she has also been honored as the Sierra League Singles Title and was awarded the most valuable player on the L.A. team. Keep scoring Debbie!

Violet Ortega

Curtis Osborne

Mark Ostien



Richard Ostien

Debbie Padilla

Steve Park

Ron Parker

Anthony Payne

Laura Peart

Jerry Peck

Benjamin Perez

Betty Perez

The Moment Of Triumph

The day had come! I was at the end of my high school career. I couldn't believe it! All those late nights studying for exams, cramming, thinking it would never pay off. But it did! Yes! I'm finally here!

Getting ready to go to my graduation ceremony was one of the few times I was glad to wear a suit and tie. As I added the finishing touches to my dress - cologne, a boutonniére, and finally combing my hair just right - my heart pounded to the beat of the music on the radio. As the time to go to the ceremony drew near, I stared in the mirror in disbelief as I put on my cap and gown!

I listened to the hum of the motor as I drove to the school I had attended for the past 4 years of my life. The school looked so serene, like a sleeping giant. After parking my car and seeing a mob of fellow students, I approached them as they fell in step to line up for the graduation ceremony. I could feel the excitement jumping in the crowd of my classmates as the graduation march began.

When the class of 1983 were all seated, we all anxiously and attentively listened to many impressive recitations of the future prospects to look forward to. At the completion of the final speech, the part of the ceremony everybody had waited patiently for had come. It was time for the diplomas to be given out. Name after name, and then me! My name was called! In an excited rush, I carefully climbed the stage steps and accepted the diploma. As I looked up in the crowd to

Michael Perret

Mary Piche

Cynthia A. Pillor

Robert Pittman

Timothy Pitts

Edward Pollard

Colette Pourian

Ruben Praniuk

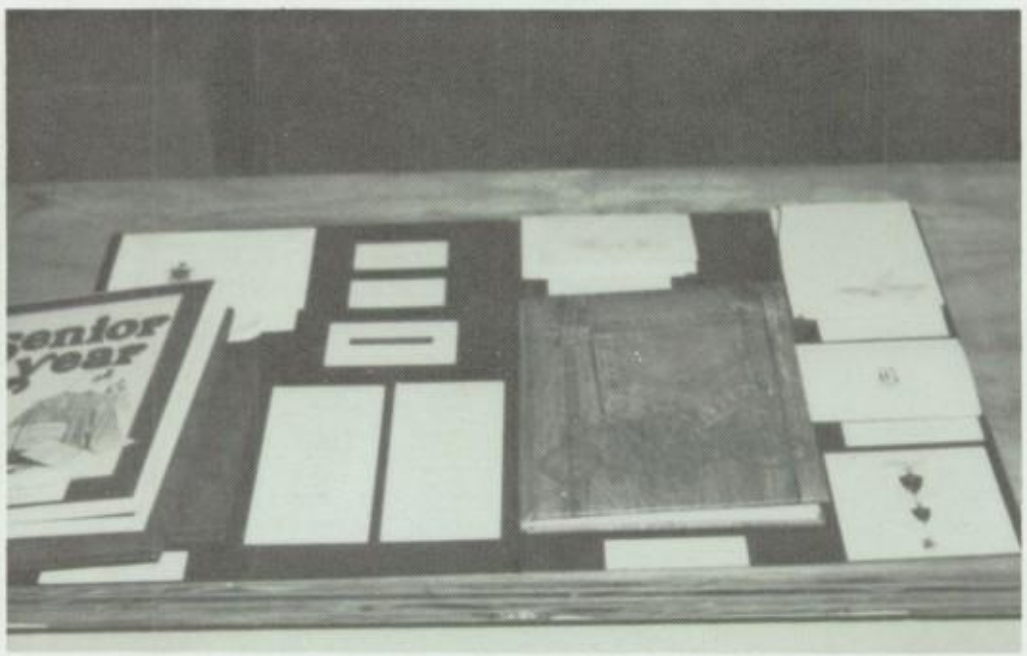
Jeff Protzo

Sandi Ramaker

Steve Ramirez

Ron Ranallo

• Announcements and invitations were another costly matter with which graduates had to contend with.



where I saw my family and friends seated, I felt like the happiest soul in the world. Elevating me to even higher spirits was the gleem of pride on the faces of my parents! Then, when the ceremony came to an end, we, the class of '83, tossed our caps in the air in triumph! As I thought to myself, "We will make the future, we will discover the future, we are the future!"

Kristan Ranck

Nancy Rankin

Mike Rath

Parlene A. Reaza

Dean Reese

Beth Reid

Deanna Reinoso

Doris Reyes

Sylvia Reyes

Anna Reynoso

Selecting A Life

The sun was shining brightly into my bedroom as I slowly awoke. I rolled, squinted from the sunlight, and glanced over to the clock which read 11:00 a.m. Slowly getting out of bed, I started to remember what day it was - the day after graduation! As I started to walk, I felt the oncoming of a mean headache, which instantly jars my memory. Wow, that graduation party last night sure was awesome! All the celebrating, music, dancing, and that blonde. Boy! She sure could boogie. Man, John and Frank really went wild, they were totally blowing it!

Walking into the kitchen, my mother asks, "did you send in your applications?" Then the shock hits me that what I've been doing has already affected my whole life. What I do from **here** is going to affect my entire life. Is it going to be college or a job? I begin to think. This is it, there is no more time to waste.

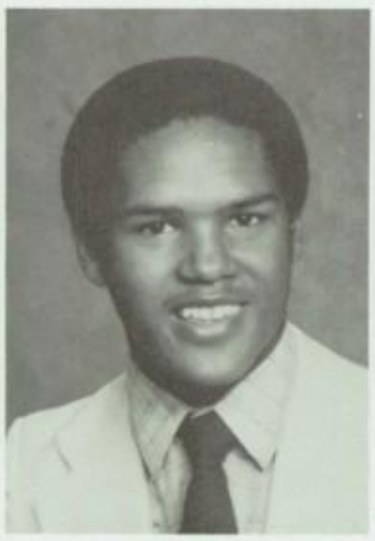
The next couple of weeks I sit back and start to think about what I plan to do. I never really planned to go to college because I'm not the greatest student, but there is always a junior college! Working is not that bad. I will have more money and I could start saving for a place of my own. Considering both sides equally, I'll have to decide on what I want to do - go to college, get a job, or possibly even do both.

Seung Rho

Karon Richardson

Robert Richardson

Lori Richman

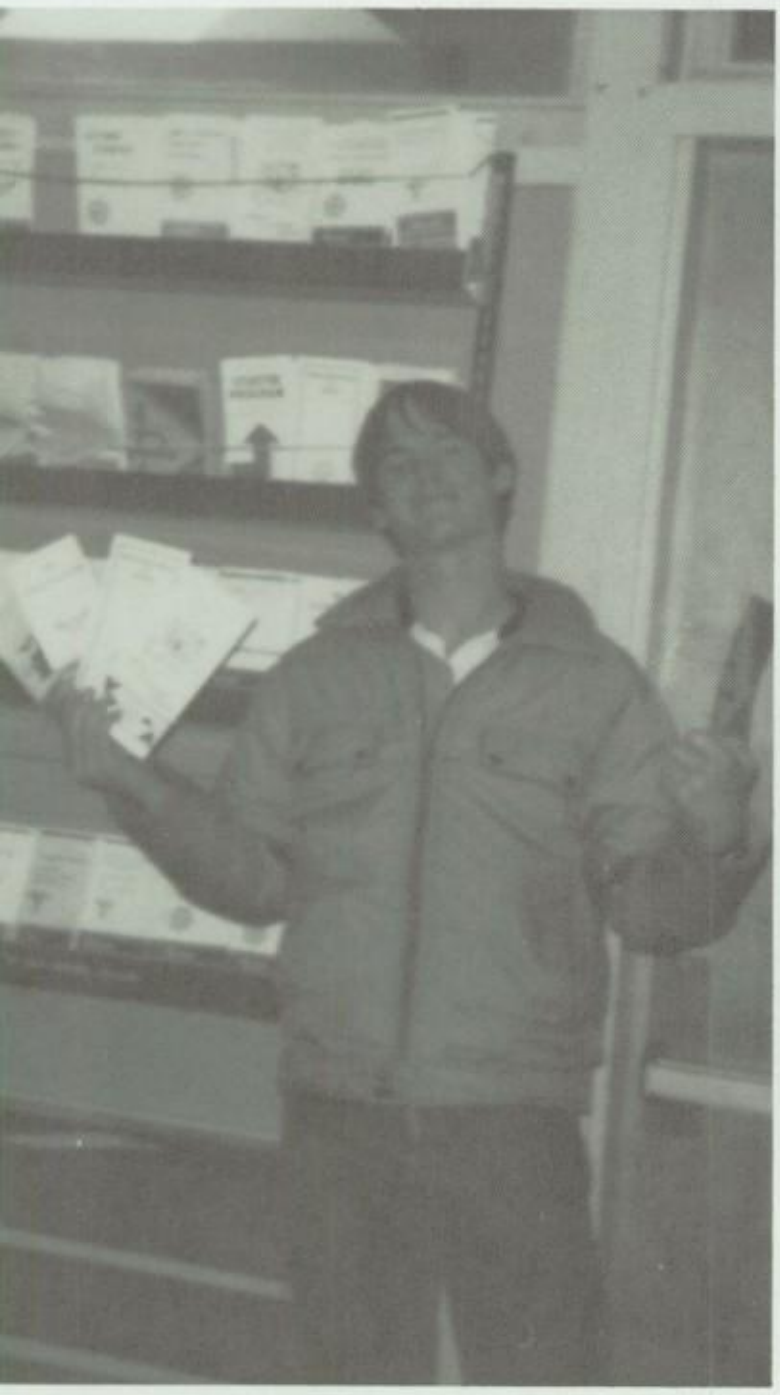


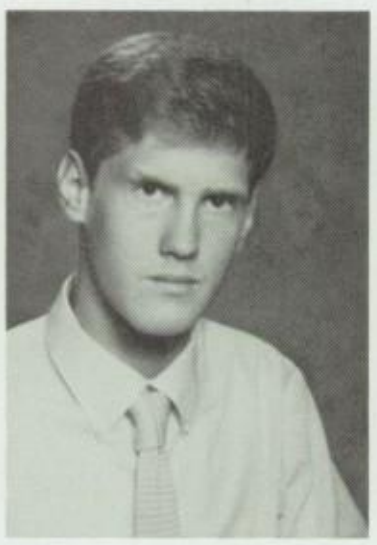
Mark Richmond

Dana Ringland

Sandra Rivera

Pedro Rios





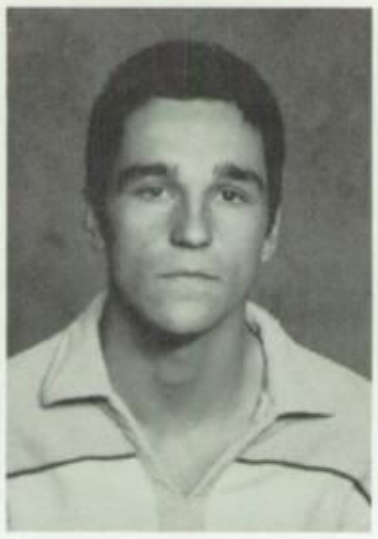
Bill Robinson

Glen Robles

Laura Rodriguez

Tina Rodriguez

Then the shock hits! Many seniors were confused when the question of finding a job or going to college arose. Lee Meyers considers the various routes he may take after he graduates.



Scott Rogers

Paul Rosen

Martha Ruezga

Anthony Ruiz

Joe Ruiz

Juanita Ruiz

Sonia Ruiz

Christopher Rusch

Daniel Ruthemeyer

David Sager

Leticia Salcedo

David Sanches

Don't Stop Reaching Out

What I remember most about my childhood was the fact that, when my family moved to Hacienda Heights, I hated to write letters to my old friends. Anyway, in due time, I lost contact with all the old friends I had at my old house. Growing up in a quiet neighborhood was a dream come true, especially when I met my best friend Sherry four years ago. I can't even count the many times that she has helped me with my problems or when I was depressed, or when I helped her in similar situations. We used to swap clothes, share secrets, and do just about everything together! At school, we became known as the Bobsey twins! We sure had a lot of fun times.

Our senior year was so exciting! We went to the Sadie Hawkins Dance double-dating, to the Winter Formal double-dating, and went to our Prom double-dating. Boy, looking at all these dance pictures sure does bring back old memories.

Our graduation was our happiest and saddest moment in our lives. We were proud of each other for our achievements and so happy in our accomplishment of graduating from high school. But after the ceremony, we saw each other and cried on each others shoulder, knowing we wouldn't be able to see and talk to each other as much as we were able to during our last year, because we were both going our own seperate ways to college.

During the summer we spent as much time together as we could.

Brian Sanchez

Mary-Ann Sanchez

Anthony Sandoval

Sandra Sandoval

Fernando Sanjurjo

Dawn San Pedro

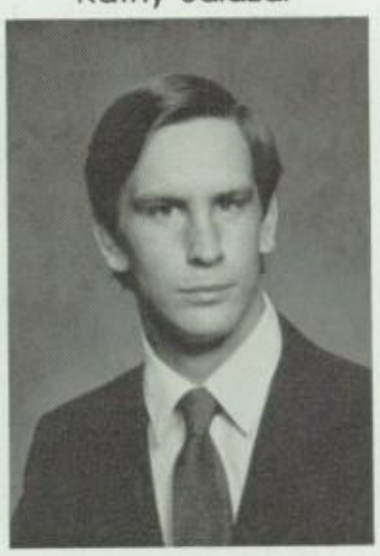
Robert Sanseverino

Kathy Salazar

Pat Salazar

Charles Sass

Ronald Saucedo



Kevin Saunders

By September, we were both off to college. Sherry was living with her aunt on the East coast going to a very old established college, while I was going to a modern private college and living in a dorm. I called Sherry every week for the first semester but the bills were getting too high! So I decided to begin writing, although I did detest it. But writing Sherry was not as bad as I thought it would be. I kind of enjoyed it! But then my school days seemed to get shorter and shorter. It felt that I was getting more homework than I could handle and to add to my frustration, I had to get a job to pay for additional fees and supplies.

It's been almost a year since I wrote or spoke to Sherry! Last I heard, was that Sherry was having financial problems like mine! I wanted to call but I don't know if she would be home. Oh, what do I have to lose! I dialed the numbers. It's ringing! My excitement grew, a crackle, and Sherry's voice, "Hello..."

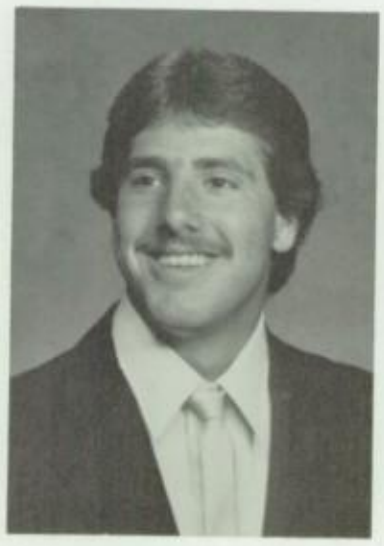
One of the treasures in life is having a best friend. Samantha Wood and Patty Allen are just a pair of good friends seen on campus.

Tucker Schork

Subine Schmid

Karol Schreiner

Kelly Schrock



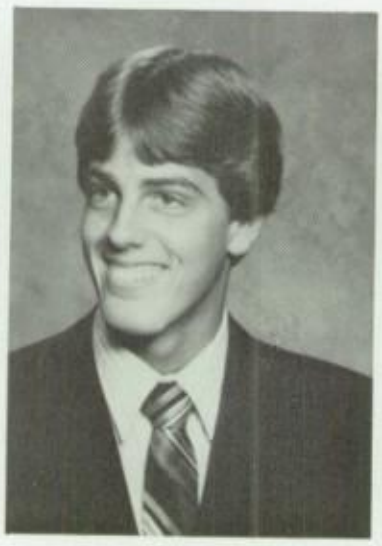
Rick Scurto

Mark Selzer

Anne Semmer

Mary Sepulveda

Patricia Sencion



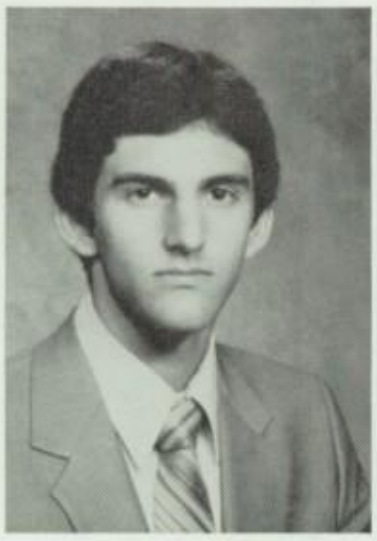
John Sherwood

Steven Shulman

Alma Silva

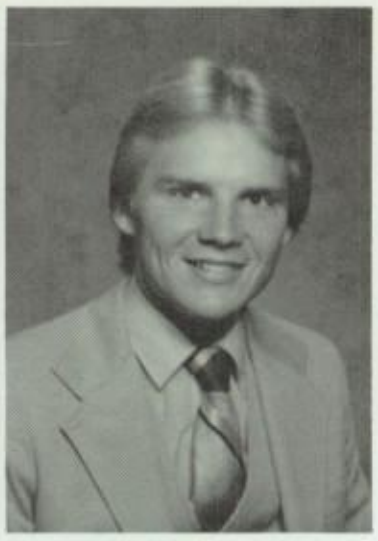
Jeanne Kim and Carol Endo cut the cake at the awards banquet. Jeanne and Carol both received awards for their outstanding achievements. The moment will no doubt be fondly recalled in years to come.

David Silves



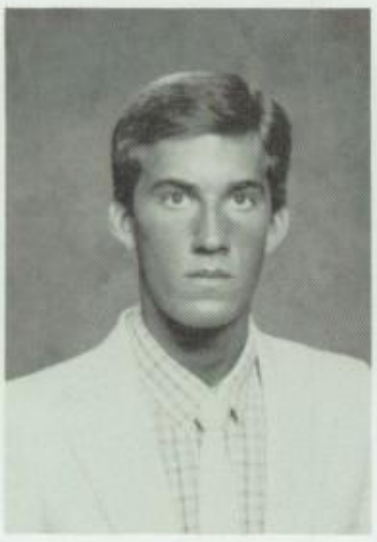
Clark Simonian

Aaron Smith



Brian Smith

Lisa Smith



Michael Smith

Angelita Solis

Shelly Sorensen

Remember When . . . ?

Now that you've completed your Senior year, you've probably accumulated a memory bank of many experiences. These memories may be things that you saw or incidents that you participated in during your four year stay at Los Altos. For many, these memories will be loved and cherished forever.

Some of these memories are humorous, some are romantic, others exciting. For Nathan Kuhn, an amusing memory that remains vivid was watching a smoke bomb go off in Mr. Turk's English class on the last day of school. For another senior it was "Getting hit by a fire extinguisher during freshman Kill Week."

Later, memories will recur as a bright spot in their lives. The magic moment of meeting that special someone; the hectic trip to San Diego for a weekend with the band; making Junior Honor Guard and taking part in the graduation ceremony; the excitement of being on the team that won a most important game or meet; the proud acceptance of an academic award; a frantic session of painting signs for an election or a game activity. All these moments will be the cherished memories of a four year stay at Los Altos.

Robbie Soscia

Daren Spanks

Rick Speicher

Stacy Spillman

Kelly Squires

Ken Stalder

Johnna Stanford

Matthew Stark

Kerrie Starke

Sharon Staten

Cathy Straley

Mark Stevens

Mike Stevens

Dave Strnad

Looking Back

Ever hear that good ol' expression, "When I was your age . . ."? Older generations have been saying it for, well, generations.

The younger generation (seniors) will be interested in how the older generations (teachers) view today's seniors, especially as compared to seniors of days gone by.

Mr. Mauch commented, "They are more confident, more expressive, more wasteful, less concerned about the future, and better dressed." In the opinion of Dr. Hyre, the seniors lack dedication, morals, language, and intelligence. Mr. O'Neill states, "Seniors seem to be interested in parties, sounds, and 4-wheel drives." We are less naive about the world, according to Mrs. Greenlee, and we're more serious about school, more accepting, less inhibited, and more concerned about jobs and our future. Our behavior is good; attitudes toward work and responsibility could improve; however, they're not bad. Mr. White went on record as saying, "Seniors are forced to deal with more freedom in a different world and have been forced to grow up much faster."

As to what activities were favored by the teachers when they were seniors, the replies were:

Mrs. Christman: Having a crush on someone that didn't know I existed.

Mr. Becker: baseball, iceskating, golf, Shakespeare, and Betty

Bruce Strohmeyer

Alan Stroud

Nancy Takeda

Michael Taylor

Stacy Teeples

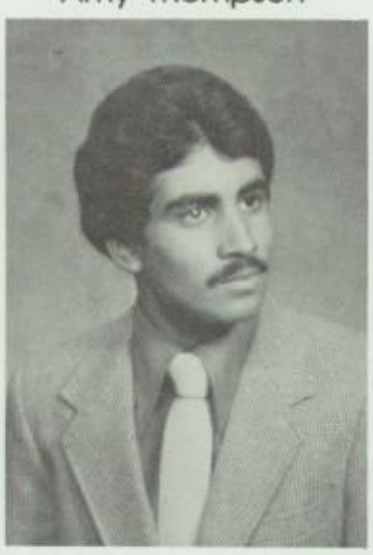
Mark Thiessen

Amy Thompson

David Thompson

John Tickenoff

Kathleen Tjaden



George Torres

Suzanne Totten

Grable.

According to Mr. Turk, we have "a certain appearance of wordly sophistication." Many teachers think we have more pride in our school, and that we have more freedom than they did. Mr. Muscato thinks that today's seniors are more mature and can relate to adults better. "As a group, they seem to be more enjoyable to be around as they are more socially matured," remarked Mr. Mauch.

Yesteryear's seniors naturally have a few words of advice for the senior class: Mr. Muscato: "Care more about other people, stay more basic in your needs. Look more deeply into people and situations." Mr. White: "Carry a full load during your last semester of your senior year. Get your moneys worth and don't try to slide."

Admiration and respect were also expressed.

Mr. Brega remarked, "There wasn't the peer pressure to drink and to take drugs when I was in high school. I admire the students that have been able to avoid that kind of pressure and be their own person."

"I enjoy the openess of today's seniors. They posses a maturity level (probably due to such a fast paced world) that we didn't have. They are willing and eager to express their feelings," Mrs. Price added.

According to the teachers at Los Altos, the seniors of today are evolving with the fast pace of today's world. They are slowly but surely changing with the environment. Overall, "yesteryear's seniors" appear to have feelings of genuine admiration and respect for 1983's seniors.

John Traxler

Denise Trujillo

Monica Trujillo

Rick Uribe

Ana Valdes

James Vasquez

Laurie Vasquez

Maria Vega

Diana Velazquez

Gary Velek

A Recurring Issue

Registration for the draft has been taking place for many years now. It has gotten much publicity in the past and has been getting much publicity now. The most publicity it has ever gotten was during the Vietnam War, when the young adults protested the draft by burning their draft cards. Now the young adults are protesting the draft by not registering at all. The government has responded by arresting the draft avaders and sentencing them to jail.

At Los Altos, the male senior students seem to not really be worried about it. When they were asked how they felt about having the registration for the draft reinstated, the majority of the students didn't appreciate it very much. Fernando Sanjurjo said, "No problem, when they call my number I'm going to Canada.

Even though the majority of students were against it, there were a lot of students all for it. David Beren is one of those students. His plans are to join one of the armed forces as soon as he graduates from high school. He says, "Serving a few years in the military is well worth the lifetime of freedom we enjoy." Some other students said they are all for it if it would help our country.

Although the majority of male senior students dislike having to register for the draft, they said they would join one of the armed forces if they were asked. They all agree that if there ever comes another time when they have to protect our country they will all stand by to protect it.

Denise Verdel

Yvonne Verdugo

Louise Verneau

Rudolph Villagrana

Steve Vogel

Karen Voss

Carrie Lynn Wade

Cara Ward

Wade T. Watkins

Angie Watson

Christine Webb

Kathy Weeks

In the Conference room, First Cadet Dundy Aipanilani tells students the advantages of an Air Force Academy education.

Linda Weldele

Edward West

Don White

Kim Whitmer

Stringing Up For Success

"I started studying piano at the age of 4. When I came to the point where I had to play big octaves, my hands couldn't reach them. I became very frustrated. The school music teacher suggested that I try an instrument that could be played by small hands, such as the violin, since it comes in various sizes. So I started playing violin at 5 yrs. old."

Loree Nishida has studied music for 13 years with some outstanding teachers. But the ones that she feels have had the most influence on her life have been her parents and her present music teacher, Mrs. Holborn.

"My family has supported me from the time I started and have given up much of their time. In the Suzuki method, (a teaching device), which I study, parent involvement is a very important part of success. My parents have helped me practice daily when I was young and have sat through many concerts."

"My biggest growth in learning has been through my studies with Mrs. Elizabeth Holborn. Mrs. Holborn has taught me how to be a real violinist and musician. Although I have to keep working and improving, she has always been supportive in not only teaching me to be a better violinist, but to be a better person too! She has also taught me that music is something to be loved."

Loree practices at least 2 hours a day. "During the school year, studies take so much time that I don't always get much practice in. On the week-ends I have more time usually, so I practice more!" To add to the chaos, Loree also studies the harp with Mrs. Ruth Grams.

Loree, besides her musical talent, held five classes: Civics, Contemporary Lit., A Cappela Choir, Production Choir, and P.E. Although Loree had little time for other activities over the years, she managed to be a member of the Whittier College Orchestra, Rio Hondo Symphony, Whittier Area Baptist Fellowship Orchestra, and other impressive activities. "In the past I have enjoyed other activities such as arts, and craft, other music lessons, and church social activities, but music has always taken up the majority of my time."

To George and Martha Nishida, Loree's parents, music was a good discipline device based on the theory of Suzuki's method. "We believe in a balanced music program", stated Mrs. Nishida. "Loree really feels the music. I really enjoy listening to her when she practices."

Last summer, Loree attended a distinguished camp called the National Music Camp at Interlochen, Michigan, for eight weeks. "My experience was very profitable! There were thousands of young artists who wanted to improve in their field. I've never worked so hard in my life. The competition was rough. Everyone was the best from their state or country and wanted to succeed at Interlochen. To keep up I played my violin for at least five to six hours a day. Plus I practiced harp for two hours a day. It's hard to believe that I worked that hard, but I did and I know I learned a lot!"

After so many years practicing the violin, violin has become a major part in Loree's life. But how about the future? "I'm not sure that I will major in music, but I will most definitely keep music in my life."

Todd Widner

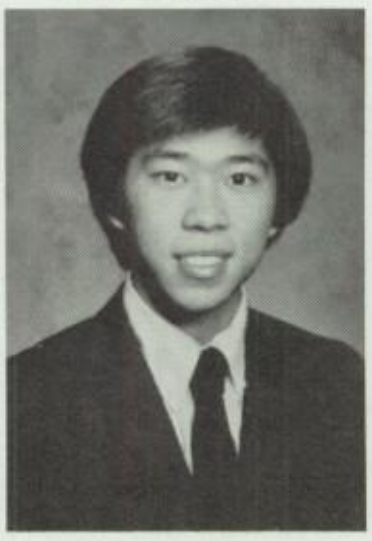
Stephanie Williams

Mike Winegar

Christopher Wright

Macy Wright

John Won



Richard Wong

Cannon Wood

Cymantha Sue Wood

Chang Woo Shik

Joyce Yamamoto

Susan Yee-Dong

Bonnie Yue

Christy Zapfel

Bertha Zuniga

Putting all her concentration into her music, Loree Nishida plays a piece of music by Johannes Brahms, one of her favorite composers. Loree's skill as a harpist won her a spot at the prestigious Interlochen National Music Camp in Michigan.

An Emerging Tradition

There always seems to be some type of creativeness that alters the already known customs of a dance. I never thought my school would come up with such an outrageously new idea. Our school bulletin announced its first **Morp Dance,** (Prom backwards), to be held on May 6. Everything in this dance is supposed to be opposite of our official or more traditionally known prom. Instead of having the dance at an extravagant hotel or restaurant, the Morp Dance was scheduled to be held in our L.A. gym. We were also informed that instead of a female court there would be an all-male court. Further, the cost would be a minimum of $3.00 per person compared to the average amount of $45.00 per couple for a regular prom bid. The group scheduled to perform live was a spectacular **New Wave** group, "The Occupants".

In preparing for this special event, the junior and senior class officers planning the dance dedicated their time for the success of this special occasion. The one person who really deserved most of the credit was Linda Easton; it was her great idea! She, like her fellow officers, did all that she could to make this dance a reality!

▲ The finishing touches of an anti-royal dance was a difficult affair. Linda Easton and Erick Lambros carefully inspected the fine details of the Morp.

▲▲ Finding **"the Occupants"** was no easy task. Linda Easton and fellow officers called various artists to find the right band. The Morp Dance was Linda's idea.

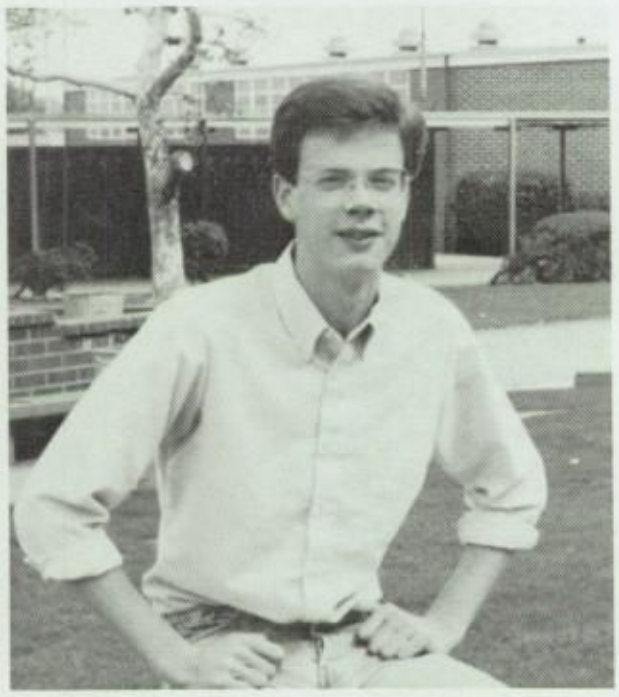
Right: Much practice is put into getting the correct sound. **Front row:** Chip Mordand. **Back row:** Mark Berg, Chris Ireland, Scott Richmond. They electrified the crowd at the Morp Dance.

Middle left: Not only did Debbie Mancino work hard as senior class president, but she also helped in planning the Morp Dance. Debbie Mancino and Linda Easton shared responsibilities in preparing for the dance.

Middle right: Taking over the job as senior class vice-president, David Clonts contributed many original new ideas to make the 1983 senior class an exciting one.

Lower left: Recording all subjects discussed during all senior class officer meetings, Gayle Heimman served as secretary; Gayle and fellow senior class officers took part in painting the senior mall.

Lower right: Sticking to a tight budget, Lori Richman managed the senior class income. She recorded all incoming and outgoing transactions.



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Bringing the Fun

Underclass

By Amanda Rickett, Frances Fukute, Tanya Kalpakoff, Ingrid Kircher

What had over 1000 moving parts, ran on spirit and school lunches, and brought the fun into living at Los Altos? If you guessed the underclass, you're absolutely right! With their enthusiasm and boundless energy, the scores of juniors, sophomores, and freshmen made the most of their first three years.

"Being a junior?" grinned David Baik. "It's the essence of life." For many other juniors, it **did** seem as if eleventh grade was the "essence of life." There was the privilege of driving and getting a license for the first time, and the excitement of going to the junior-senior prom.

"I think that being a junior is great, because a lot of my friends are seniors, and you get to do more things, like driving," remarked Kathie Sandoval.

"Its neat because you get more pride in the school as you go up in years, you know?" added another junior, Amanda Rickett.

Of course the juniors weren't the only ones making the most of their years at high school. The freshmen and sophomores, too, found that ninth and tenth grades weren't all that bad.

"The best part of being a sophomore is that you're not a freshman any more!" remarked Kami Dela Cruz. It seems that one year did make a difference. With the additional experience, the sophisticated sophomores had nothing to fear from the hassles of registration, the scores of classrooms and the unfamiliar teachers.

But what about the freshmen? How did they see their position at the bottom of the LA ladder? If anyone stopped to ask freshmen Tomi Lee, the answer would be clear, "I don't know-well you still have a chance to get involved."

It was their involvement that made the these freshmen stand out. "I think that this year's freshmen have the best attitude," said senior Dana Ringland approvingly.

In their wait to reach that far off elevated position of **senior,** the underclass showed everyone what "bringing the fun into the school year" really meant.

Veronica Abel
Andy Acevez
Stephanie Acinelli

Rosie Acosta
Chris Acuna
Abelardo Adeva

Mario Aguirre
Carlos Alcazar
Debra Altenburg
Yvette Alvarado
Yvonne Alvarez
Brent Anderson
David Anderson

John Andersson
Dan Andrea
Sal Apodaca
Simon Aragon
Robert Arellano
Sarah Arellano
Javier Arroyo

David Ates
Salvatore Ausonio
Artemio Avila

Jose Avila
Armando Ayala
Jennifer Babishoff

Decisions, Decisions

The Prom was a long way off, but preparations had to begin. Junior class officers Linda Easton, president; Tina Casas, vice-president; Chanda Smith, secretary; Julie Berry, treasurer; and Erick Lambros, prom specialist, engaged in a variety of fundraisers to offset the cost of the prom.

One of the most successful fundraisers was the operation of the concessions at basketball games. Dozens of hungry fans lined up to get a bite to eat. To contribute yet more to the class treasury, they sold pom poms at football games and doughnuts at parent conferences.

Choosing the setting for the prom involved making a major decision. The officers considered suggestions, visited sites, and compared costs. Typical items under consideration: Does the cost include hors d' oeuvres? cakes? flowers and table decorations?

Another major decision involved selecting a band. Again the class officers spent hours listening to various groups, trying to decide which would best please the students attending.

The date got closer, calling for yet more decisions. The prom needed a theme; who can come up with a good idea? After considerable brainstorming-and a few arguments- they finally reached a decision; A Night of Enchantment was to be the theme.

There were just a few weeks to go. To create greater interest in the prom, the junior class officers decided to hold a fashion show featuring the latest formal wear.

The main activity of the junior class was the prom, but they were also involved in other projects and functions. These included the 50's dance, the making of the junior class float, the junior breakfast and other activities to promote spirit.

The 1984 cabinet is already preparing for their senior year. "I love our junior class and I know we'll have a great senior year," said president Linda Easton.

Facing page
Top: Looking at samples of prom pictures, junior class officers Linda Easton and Julie Berry discuss the theme of the prom.

The officers of the class of '83. **Front Row:** Linda Easton, president; Erick Lambros, prom specialist; Julie Berry, treasurer. **Back Row:** Chanda Smith, secretary; Tina Casas, vice-president. Their goal was to prepare a memorable prom.

Lower right: Making calls to find out about prom decorations, Erick Lambros spends much of his free time getting information. All the junior class officers shared in the numerous preparations necessary to create a successful prom.

David Baik
Timothy Baker
Michael Balanoff
Ray Barker
David Barret
Randy Barrios
Elizabeth Becerra

Cynthia Becker
Ronald Becker
Dena Bennett
Julie Berry
Dani Betonte
Vicente Bevila
Lawrence Birkholz

Charles Black
Darrin Blake
Mark Blanco
Thomas Bloxham
Armando Bohol
Denise Bohannon
Stacey Borden

George Borras
Christine Braatz
Benjamin Brerley
Mike Bretoi
Michael Brooks
Robyn Brooks
David Brookshire

Charles Bryant
Lisa Budrow
Emily Cabahug

Darah Cale
Carolyn Campbell
Owen Campbell

Gregory Caresio
Steven Carlos
Tina Casas

John Cassar
Eric Castro
John Chavira

Teh-Ming Chen
Victoria Chen
James Cho

Lisa Chow
William Christensen
Seung Chung

Mark Chupil
James Coberly
Michael Cole
Jeffrey Condit
Christie Conrad
Kathleen Conroy
Diana Corbino

Michelle Costello
Daniel Cota
Renee Cota
Stefanie Creigton
Fernando Cruz
Ruben Cruz
Shannon Currie

Blanca Dalziel
Teresa Damore
Michael Danganan
Pamela Davis
Brian Degan
Sonia De La Peza
Anthony Delgado

Cynthia Delgado
Thomas Delrio
Mary Dettorre
Michelle Dobeck
Robert Dollie
Carlos Dominguez
Sylvia Dorca

Time And A Half For Sundays

What was the famous and most legitimate excuse teachers heard from students who didn't finish their homework? "Sorry, I had to work last night." Many students worked at various jobs during the school year, some at fast-food restaurants, clothing stores, or even ice cream parlors. There was generally one uniform reason people worked: to get M-O-N-E-Y. Of course there were a few who worked only to keep busy, but most found homework sufficient enough to kill their spare time. It was also difficult for students to work and be seeing a guy or girl at the same time. On many occasions, the boyfriend or girlfriend had to be understanding and forgive employers for scheduling them on the night of the Los Altos/Wilson football game or the magic night of a formal dance.

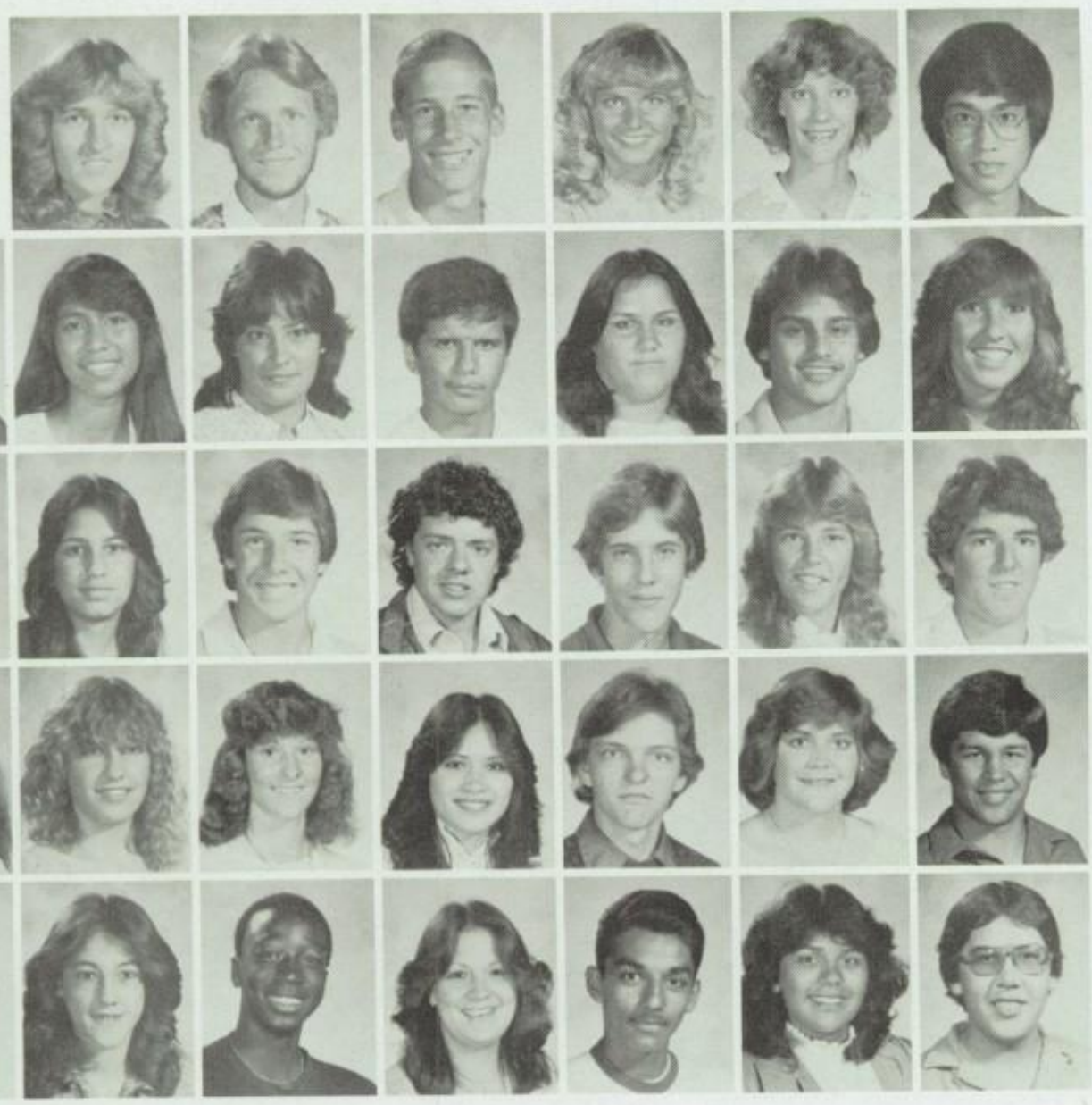
When it came to spending their hard-earned money, the students' replies differentiated a bit. In general, the girls spent most of their money to buy the latest style in clothing apparel. The guys, on the other hand, spent their money evenly on their girlfriends, clothes, and their car.

Another way students handled their money was not to spend it at all. Some saved their money in a high-interest earning bank account, looking ahead for a year or two down the road. After all, college does get expensive, and with tuition going up as it is, every little bit helps.

All in all, students felt that working during high school was a good experience, just as long as they got good hours. Said Laura Mejia, "I learned more about myself." Relating to Laura's statement, Ruben Cruz added, "I learned more about people and how to deal with them."

When teachers were asked about students working, their feelings were mixed. Mr. Holbrook commented, "I don't see anything wrong with it as long as they meet their academic responsibilities." On the other hand, Mr. Muscato feels, "Kids shouldn't work after school because they'll be working all their life, and they might as well enjoy being a kid and getting the most out of school."

◀ Working at In-n-Out Burger, Pat Hernandez takes an order from a customer. Many students got jobs, mainly for the extra spending money.



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Patricia Everitt
Tibor Fajt
Darrah Falcone

Pierre Fanny
Lora Felix
Patrick Fesler
William Fike
Kent Findlay
Paula Finch
Stephen Fordiani

Holly Forghone
Terry Fox
Sharlyn Francis
Sonia Frando
Cokie Fredederick
Angela Freeze
Kevin Freymond

Charles Fults
Lisa Gallarzo
Dan Gales
Dominica Garcia
Ed Garcia
Jackie Garcia
James Garcia

A Growing Experience

Who do you know that hunts for people, swallows gold fish, skates for charity, eats twenty-five pizzas, goes camping, and becomes better friends with God while doing all of the above? Such an actively-involved person just has to be a member of Campus Life.

Campus Life, a Christian-oriented club directed by college students, was organized during World War II to help students cope with the problems of that era. The Campus Life group to which many Los Altos students belong met every Monday night at a member's house to talk to old friends and make new ones, play games, and exchange thoughts and express feelings about different happenings in life.

Once every two months, Campus Life members held a "Super" meeting. Club chapters from different schools in the area met for a gigantic party.

Campus Life uses the fun and games to attract students and provide good times, but the ultimate purpose is still a serious one - to give help to students who are having difficulty coping with everyday problems.

One club member put it all together: "Campus Life is a growing experience for those who are not too awesome (or so they think) to take a chance."

◗ Eating on the grass, a few Campus Life members enjoy lunch. Even though it wasn't a school-related club, many students joined Campus Life. They enjoyed a great year with various eccentric activities.

Leon Garcia
Lydia Garcia
Mary Garcia
Ronald Garcia
Roxanne Garcia
Thomas Garcia

Charles Garrison
Gary Kim
Steven George
Richard Gerger
Catherine Ghysels
Regina Ginez
Gina Giordano

La Shon Givens
Mario Godinez
Erin Goldberg
Norma Gomez
Anthony Gonzalez
Antonio Gonzalez
Lupe Gonzalez

Rebecca Graves
Elizabeth Greenlee
Ronald Griego
James Griffing
Andrea Grimsley
Tracey Gubiotti
Janet Guida

Mark Guithues
Pamela Gunn
Richard Hair
Ronald Haney
Teri Hansen
Craig Harvey
Diane Hastings

Diane Haug
Robin Hawkins
Michele Hekking

Nancy Hemsworth
Natalie Herbert
Angelica Hernandez

Kelly Herrera
John Heyrend
Grady Hicks

Victoria Hicks
Brian Hildenbrandt
Danny Hill

John Hirano
Diana Hoover
Debbie Horspool

Timothy Howard
Yung-Hua Hsu
Catherine Huff

Terry Hugus
Carole Hulen
Ted Hull
Tuyet Huynh
Soo Hwang
Michael Iannuzzi
Rosa Ibarra

Melissa Irving
Denise Jacobsen
Louis Jaime
Mike Jakaub
Stephen Jambazian
Anne Jamison
Cindy Jimenez

Denise Johns
Craig Johnson
Mary Johnson
Susan Johnson
Krista Kair
Monica Kern
Kathleen Kessler

Kevin Keuing
Jane Kim
Ken Kim
Candice King
Robert Kirklin
Eric Kline
Sandra Knowles

Jennifer Koehler
Daniel Koenn
Suzie Kotani

Kenneth Kubo
Erick Lambros
Carol Landry

Jin Lee
Kevin Lee
Lucy Lee

Frank Lemus
Beatrice Lespron
Paul Lesseos

Anthony Lewis
Michael Lewis
Patrick Lewis

Tari Lewis
Wendy Lieberman
Robby Lipschutz

Kimi Liu
Nobou Liu
Jonathan Locke
Scott Long
Cecilia Lopez
Elizabeth Lopez
Freddy Lopez

Herman Lopez
Kevin Louie
Michael Loveall
Alan Loya
Deborah Lujan
Robert Lupo
Daniel Macias

Brigitte Madero
Cesar Maestas
Edward Magallannes
Eric Maldonado
Linda Manasian
Kathleen Manseau
Michael Marcum

Sherry Markewich
Philip Markgraf
Gabriel Marquez
Lilia Marroquin
Sandra Marruju
Marcus Martin
Gilbert Martinez

Support Your Local School

Money, money, money makes the world go round. It also keeps our clubs and sports prospering. With the high cost of being on a team or in a club, coaches and advisors turned to fund raisers to help cover costs.

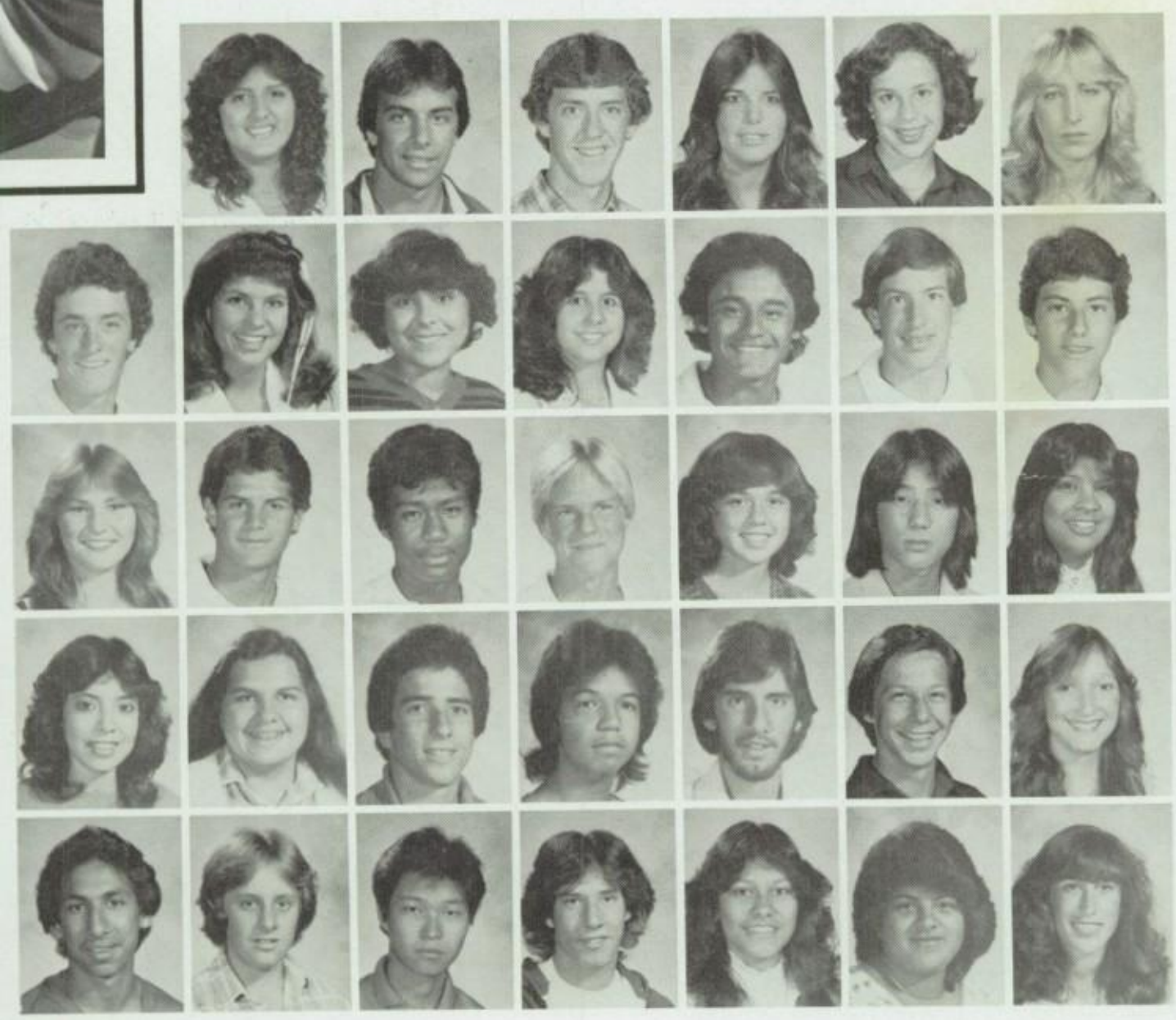
Through the year, many ingenious and different fund raisers were going on. The Swim team sold candy bars, the water polo team sold doughnuts, the wrestling team had a car wash and some other sports had 'thons' to raise money. Basketball had a shoot-a-thon which gave the team members a chance to get friends and relatives to pledge a certain amount of money for each basket they could make five minutes.

The clubs also had a knack for interesting fund raisers. From double dime-a-dip dinners to balloon-a-grams, to carnations and chocolate Easter bunnies, the student body was asked to help contribute to the success of these fund raisers by buying and pledging.

There were many reasons why so many fund raisers were necessary. The ASB held them to get enough money for spectacular graduations and pay for good bands for dances. Yearbook staff was always trying to raise money to cover the high cost of color pages, and the band members took many opportunities to fill their band funds to help pay for competitions, uniforms, instruments, and other costs.

Throughout the year there were many chances to help contribute to the school organizations through their fund raisers. Each pledge, candy bar, carnation and doughnut sold was an important part of the success of our year.

"Would you like to buy a Los Altos mug?" asked P.C. member Tracy Claiborne to Angie Solis. Fundraisers were important to many activities ranging from sports to choir.



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Thomas Mericle
Eric Merrill

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David Mosak
Rebecca Mudra

Ricky Murrietta
Thomas Myers
John Nam
Steven Nardi
Lydia Natividad
Martha Navarro
Kim Nierman

Diary Of A Procrastinator

Oct. 6- Today we beat Wilson in our first varsity tennis match. Everyone played superbly. Nothing much happened at school, except we were assigned an essay in English, but it's not due for three weeks.

Oct. 8- I went to the game tonight with my friends and we had such a great time. I talked with Greg, Mike, Steve, and Chris!

Oct. 12- I got a call from the varsity football captain just as I was about to start my essay! He asked me to the dance! I can't believe it; Friday seems too far away.

Oct. 15- Today is Friday! I am so nervous, boy I hope my hair comes out okay.

Oct. 16- I had such a good time at the dance, everything went great. My Mom keeps bugging me about my essay. She says I should always get things done before the last minute so I don't have to worry about them later. What does she know? Anyway, I have more important things on my mind now.

Oct. 22- Everything's cool! He caught the winning pass in our game against Edgewood. We burned them! Linda and I went shopping for clothes. I wrote a paragraph of my essay which is no worry yet.

Oct. 29- I am so tired. I've been working on my essay since 11:00 last night. I would have started earlier but I couldn't miss "Knott's Landing." I am so hungry. I haven't eaten anything since dinner. It's 5:00 a.m. and all I have to do is retype everything. Gosh, I'll have to get ready for school soon. (Yawn) Better get back to work. I've got to fin . . . zzzzz.

Falling asleep on her typewriter, Chanda Smith procrastinates in typing her essay. Many students procrastinate, thinking they have lots of time left to do their work.

Jacque Ochoa
Kelly Olson
James Osborn
Patricia Osburn
Maleene Osuna
Donata Paez

Gloria Park
Brock Parry
Florence Pasaribu
Lisa Passwater
Julie Peart
Eduardo Pelaez
Tammy Peoples

Albert Perez
Dorothy Perez
Marcos Perez
Nicole Perez
Raymond Perez
Quan Pham
Sang Paik

Patricia Piche
Holly Pierce
Tammy Pillor
Carlos Pineda
Mario Pineda
Loretta Pino
Robert Pipkin

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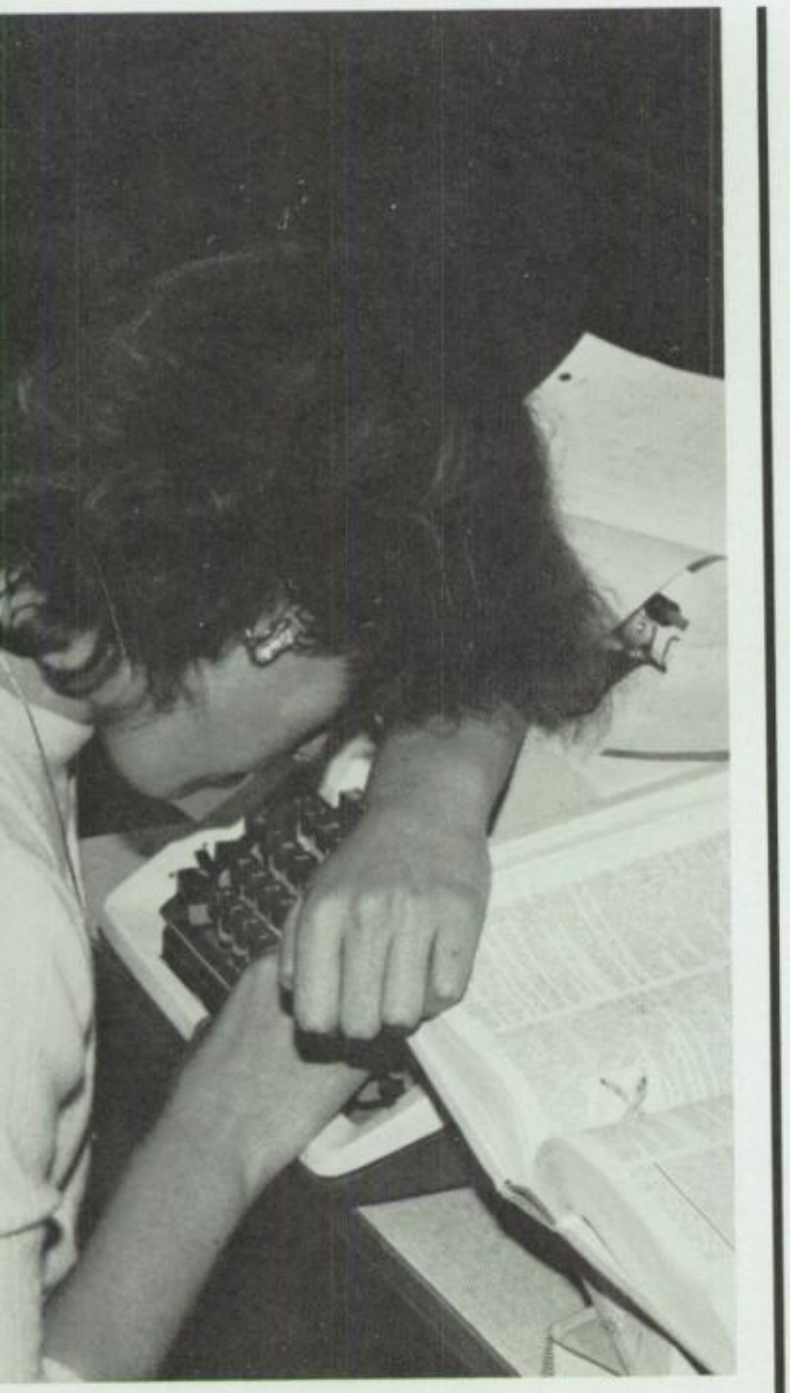

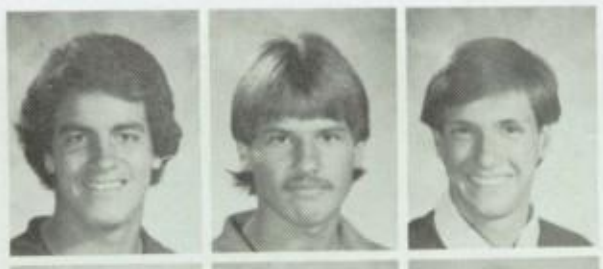

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Sylvia Ramirez
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Robert Reza

Gaylene Richart
Tom Richason
Amanda Rickett

Lisa Rio
Joe Rivera
Kenneth Rivera

Victoria Roberts
Glen Rodela
Doreen Rodriguez
Leopoldo Rodriguez
Lizette Rodriguez
Ronny Rodriguez
Tomas Rodriguez

John Roeder
Joseph Rogoff
Jesse Ruelas
Mark Ruhnke
Sandra Ruiz
Thomas Ruiz
Mark Rumbaugh

Ernesto Russo
Nick Russo
Vincent Saavedra
Marla Sacks
Jannel Saenz
Jeffrey Sager
Priscilla Sala

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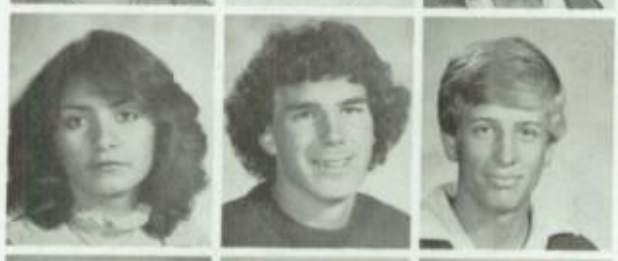

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Michael Smith

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Brian Spadano
Catherine Spangler
Rick Stephan
Michael Stimatze
Andrew Stoddard

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Patricia Taylor

Julie Tebbs
Denise Teran
Cherice Thomas
Allen Tickenoff
Milton Todd
Michael Torres
Suzanne Torres

Kimberly Towler
Steven Trapp
Georgia Treantafeles
Lee Trimbur
Michael Trujillo
Mauriana Tucker
Carol Tung

Frazer For Class Prez!

He's too, too, too hip. He's the star of the 80's. He's **the** worst. Every morning with his faithful Daffy and Bill Sommers he's Frazer Smith. His comedy and style makes the Fraze famous among rock-heads. From 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Frazer does his many impersonations ranging from Ronald Frazegan to Frazer Shakespeare to Clint Frazewood. How can one person be the star of the 80's, the hippest and the worst? Very few are able to attain such stature the way Frazer has.

"My one wish is I want to be class prez forever and my first order is no school."

Frazier Smith

In this interview Frazer lets his most personal secrets be known and candidly answers questions all Fraze-fans have asked.

Q- What are the characteristics of a party animal?
A- A party animal has a big nose, glazed eyes, and the eye of the wombat.

Q- Why are you the star of the 80's?
A- Because I'm Frazer Smith.

Q- What makes KLOS so hot?
A- Frazer Smith.

Q- How old are you?
A- How old am I really? 29.

Q- Describe your life off-the-air.
A- Trying to get girls into my apartment is my entire life. The rest of my life is my comedy.

◀ The star of the 80's, DJ Frazer Smith rocks Southern California on 95 ½ KLOS. His popularity is mainly due to his outrageous sarcasm of everyday life and of celebrities and notorious figures.

Peter Tuning
Jeff Uhlman
Robbie Vasquez
Victor Vaughn
Yvette Vazquez
Clementina Velasco

Constance Verstuyft
Michael Villarreal
Daniel Villareal
Phuong-Chi Vo
Rochelle Vorwald
Bruce Walker
Stacey Wallis

Kimberly Ward
Michelle Watson
Patrick Watson
David Webster
Julie Webster
Sandra Weibert
Mark Weiss

John Weldele
Ron West
Karen Wheeler
Cheryl Whittington
Jennifer Widmer
Dana Williams
Ronner Williams

James Wolfhope
Jordan Woodruff
Frances Yang
Denise Yasutake
Susan Young
Sandra Zapien
Michaela Zurek

Alicia Acevedo
Leslie Acosta
Ricardo Aguilar
Bassil Aish
Clarissa Alcazar
Victoria Alesi
Demetris Allen

Cuauthemoc Alvarran
Heather Amberg
Alice Ameluxen
Marisa Anderson
Shelley Aney
Sonny Apodaca
Angelique Arakelian

Rodrick Arellano
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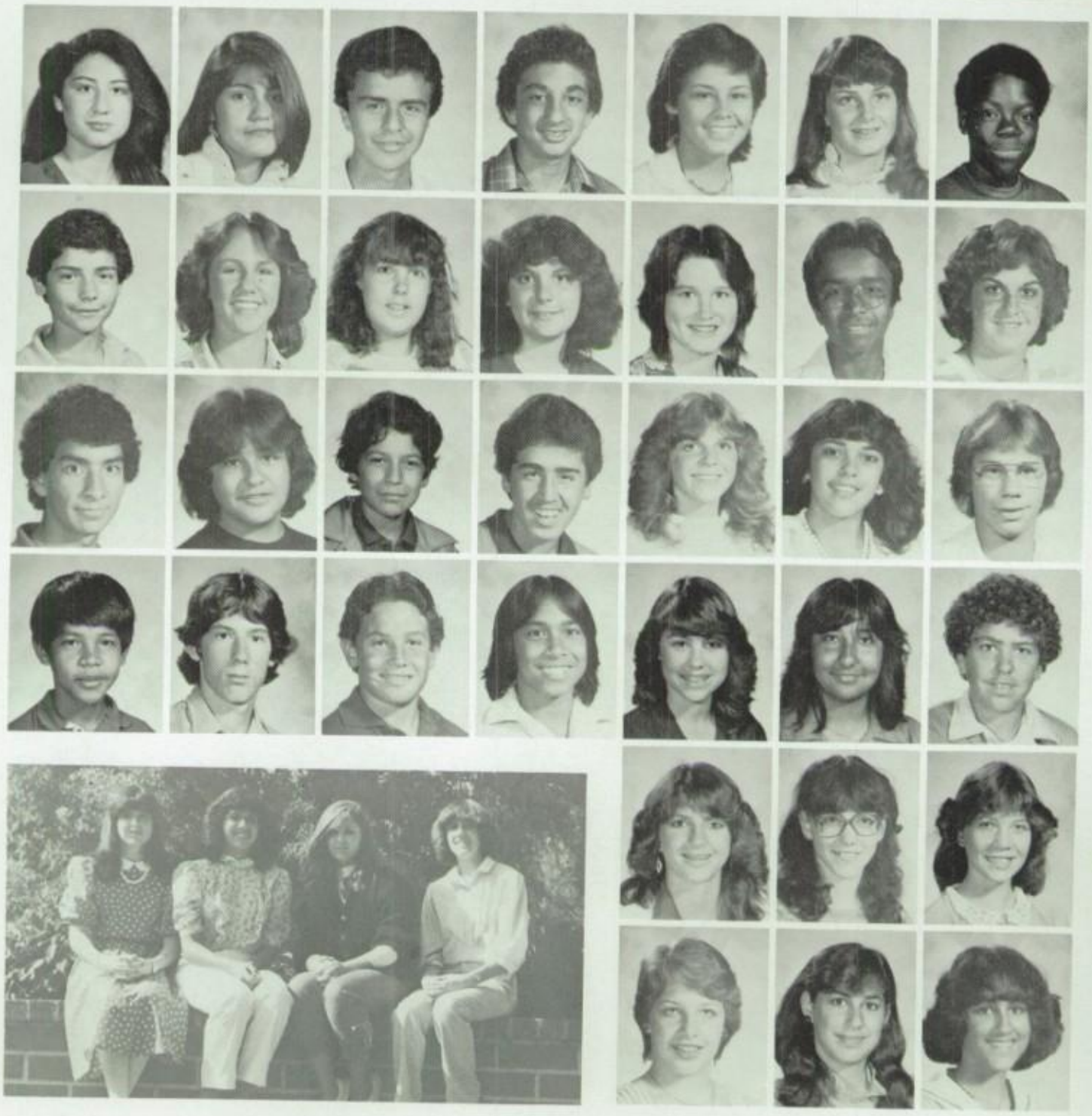


Amber Barnett
Jodi Barrett
Cynthia Bastedo

Katherine Bates
Angela Batistelli
Darla Baughman

Proving '85 Has Style

Rings? . . . class rings? Sophomore class officers were their names, rings were their games.

Taking charge of the ring orders was one of the officers' responsibilities. The quartet met with representatives from Josten's the company that manufactures the rings, to learn the class ring sales procedure. The officers willingly helped the students with their order forms, and when rings finally came in, they distributed them to the eagerly awaiting customers.

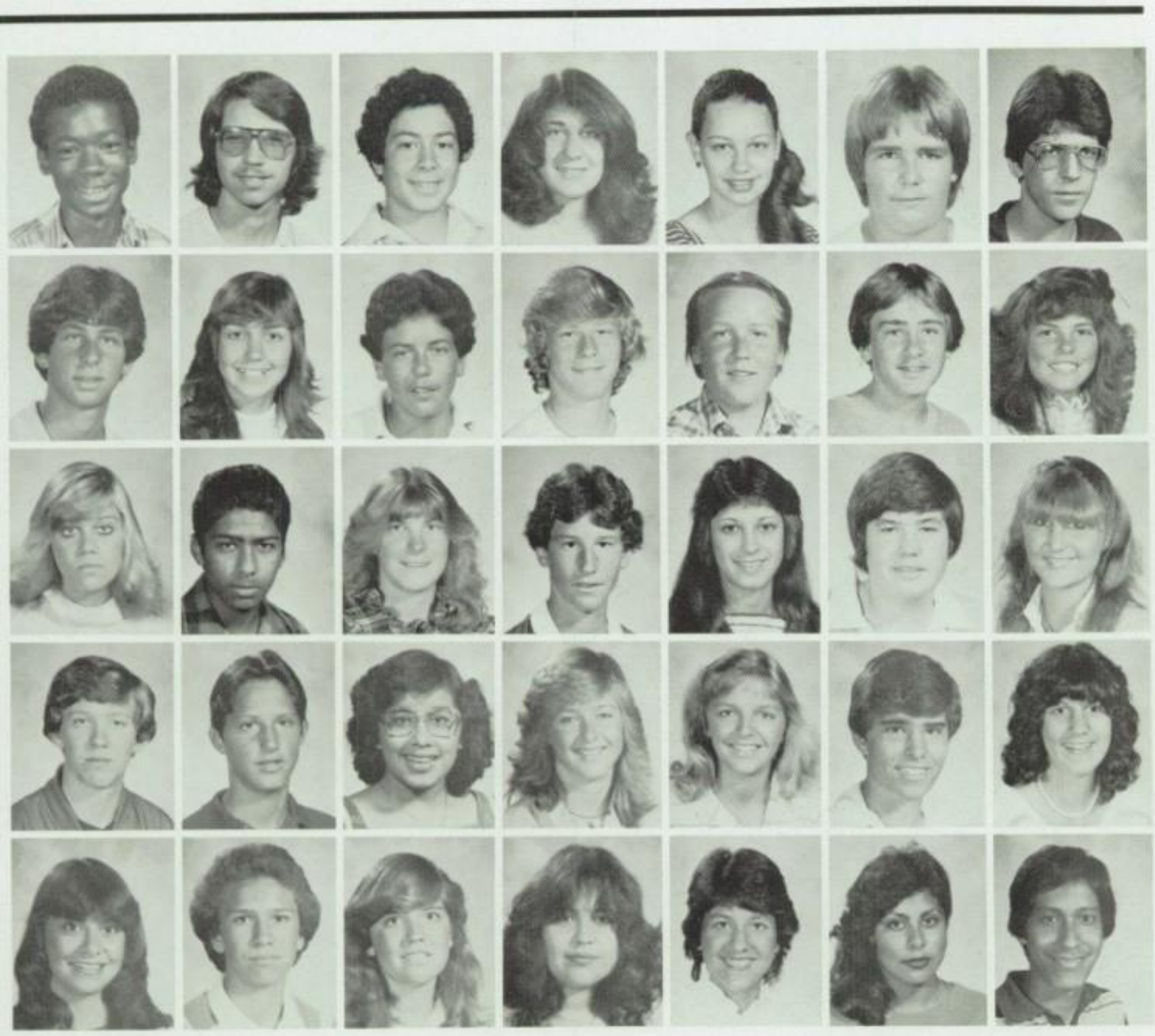
The officers had to sort out the many mix-ups that occured such as rings that came back with the wrong stone or wrong metal. In the end, most 10th graders made their choice and received a memory with the help of the sophomore class officers.

Other duties of these four included devoting themselves to helping out campaigning freshman with elections and arranging the Sadie Hawkins Dance. About 70% of the student body attended this dance. Many couples were hitched at the Sadie during the spring. Officers also helped out with fund-raisers, for instance, selling candy grams.

These four people represented the class of '85 with style.

◀ Her decision is final. Renee Maldanado wastes no time in placing her class ring order. Josten's representatives contributed their help to students who needed assistance in filling out order blanks correctly and finding the correct ring size.

▼ It's the sophomore quartet! President Lori Kowitz, vice president Denise Maestas, secretary Tracy Jabson, and treasurer Laura Leets enjoy their part in the ASB.



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Silvia Carreon
Lisa Casas
Lisa Castaredalo
Craig Castillo

Behind The Wheel

Due to decreasing funds, the Drivers Training Course, offered through the school, had to be closed. Many students disagreed with that decision. Frances Fukute said, "They shouldn't have closed it. It's not fair to the younger generation."

The Behind-the-Wheel course consisted of six days (24 hours) of driving on the lot where students drove around cones, practicing stops, turns, parking and other various manuevers. Then students practiced driving on roads like Turnbull Canyon and Colima. Driving on the freeway was a real challenge for several students.

The semester traffic safety class, available to students 15 and older, explained the laws and regulations of the road. SRC, a nine week course, covered much of the same material.

Larry Birkholz, junior, commented, "The school has enough money to recarpet the administration rooms but not enough money to provide drivers training."

Because of the disagreement, Mr. Mauch was asked to explain the actions taken against the driving training course. He explained, "The school district didn't receive enough money from the State of California to provide driver training for our district."

In order to receive drivers training now, one must take it at a qualified school such as the California Driving School.

Yvonne Ramirez, freshmen, expressed her thoughts: "It isn't fair because now we have to pay for it."

Although drivers training is no longer available through the school, SRC is still a required course for graduate.

◗ The hills quietly look over the deserted behind the wheel range. For 25 years this range was filled with students improving on their driving skills.

Gabriel Castro
Lisa Castro
Miguel Cervantes
Therese Chan
Steve Chang
Robert Chavez

Martha Chavira
Jenny Chen
Lynne Chen
Peter Chen
Yili Chen
Wen-hsien Cheng

David Chou
Carrie Chow
Monique Christensen
Brenda Chrystie
Andrew Chung
Seana Chung
Jennifer Clark

Stephanie Cline
Craig Colantuano
Frances Coley
Keith Condon
Gary Coppa
Jimmy Cortes
Kim Cowley

Francisco Corral
Michael Covel
Garry Crandall
Larry Crandall
Ariel Crespo
Cathy Crook
Jameson Cuccia

Susan Dadisman
Jeanne Daleo
Kurt Daley
Heather Davis
Gerald Defranco
Brenda Degen
Kami Dela Cruz

Evangelina Delatorre
Mary Delbuno
Maria Delgado

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Stephen Ferris

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Gerald Fisher
Trent Flink
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Eric Garcia
Guy Garcia

Michael Garcia
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Jr. Gastelo
Darlene Gates
Lynn Gates
Dean Gatons
Tom Gazdik

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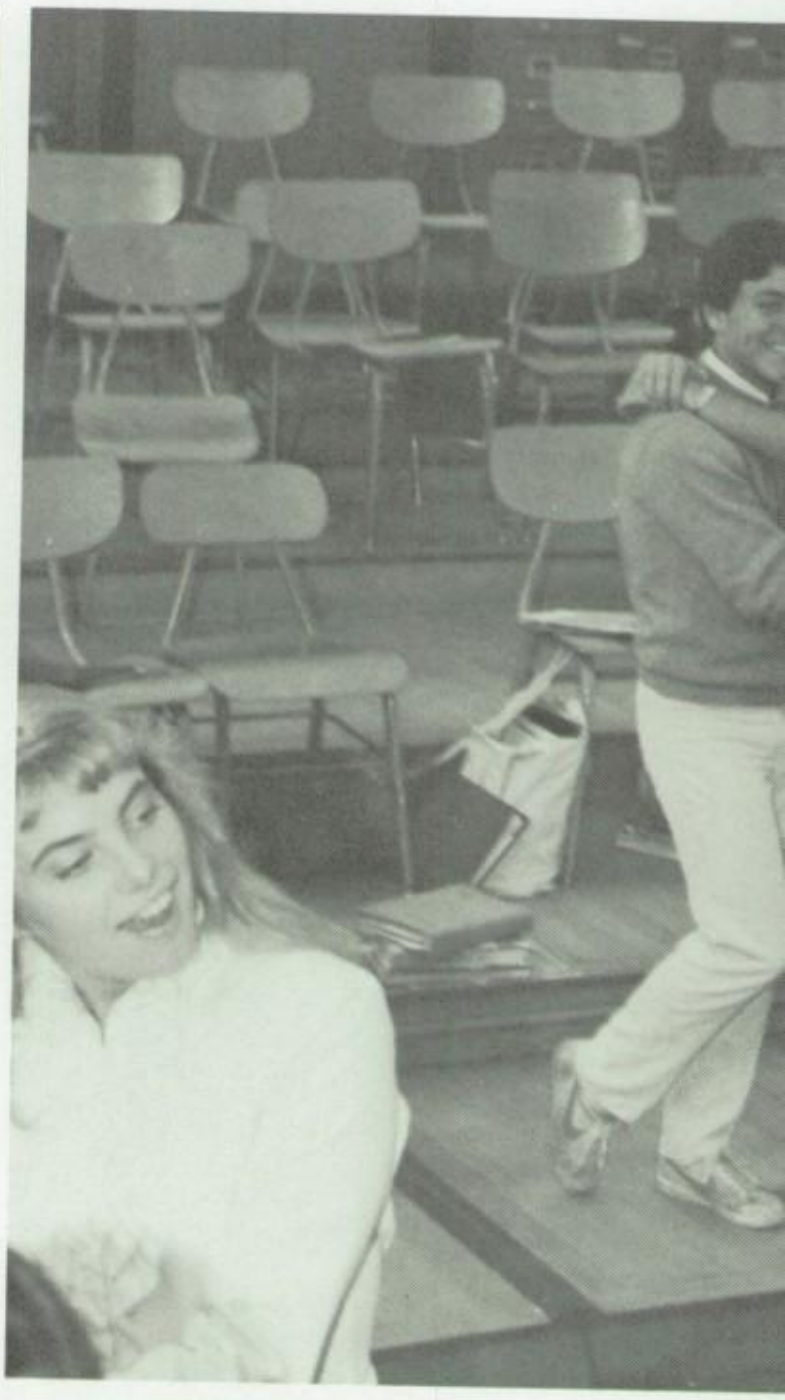

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Genny Hagood
Mike Haistrum
Staci Hammers

Chris Hanratty
Lisa Harbin
Jill Hart
Debbie Harvey
Steven Hastings
Cindy Hathaway
Noriko Hattori

Kanji Hayashi
Wendy Haycraft
Kim Hayes
Janice Hayward
Lydia Hearn
Cathy Herle
Selena Hermosillo

Short But Tall In Talents

He is 5 feet 2 inches tall, plays an instrument, sings in two choirs, and dances. This musically-oriented person is none other than Doug Levens. Doug has been singing since he was a child and has played in the school band since 4th grade.

Now, as a sophomore, Doug performs with the Production Choir, one of the school's most prestigious choirs. As a member of the school band, he plays the baritone, a small instrument similar to a tuba. He also finds time to sing in his church choir- The Ambassador Chorale.

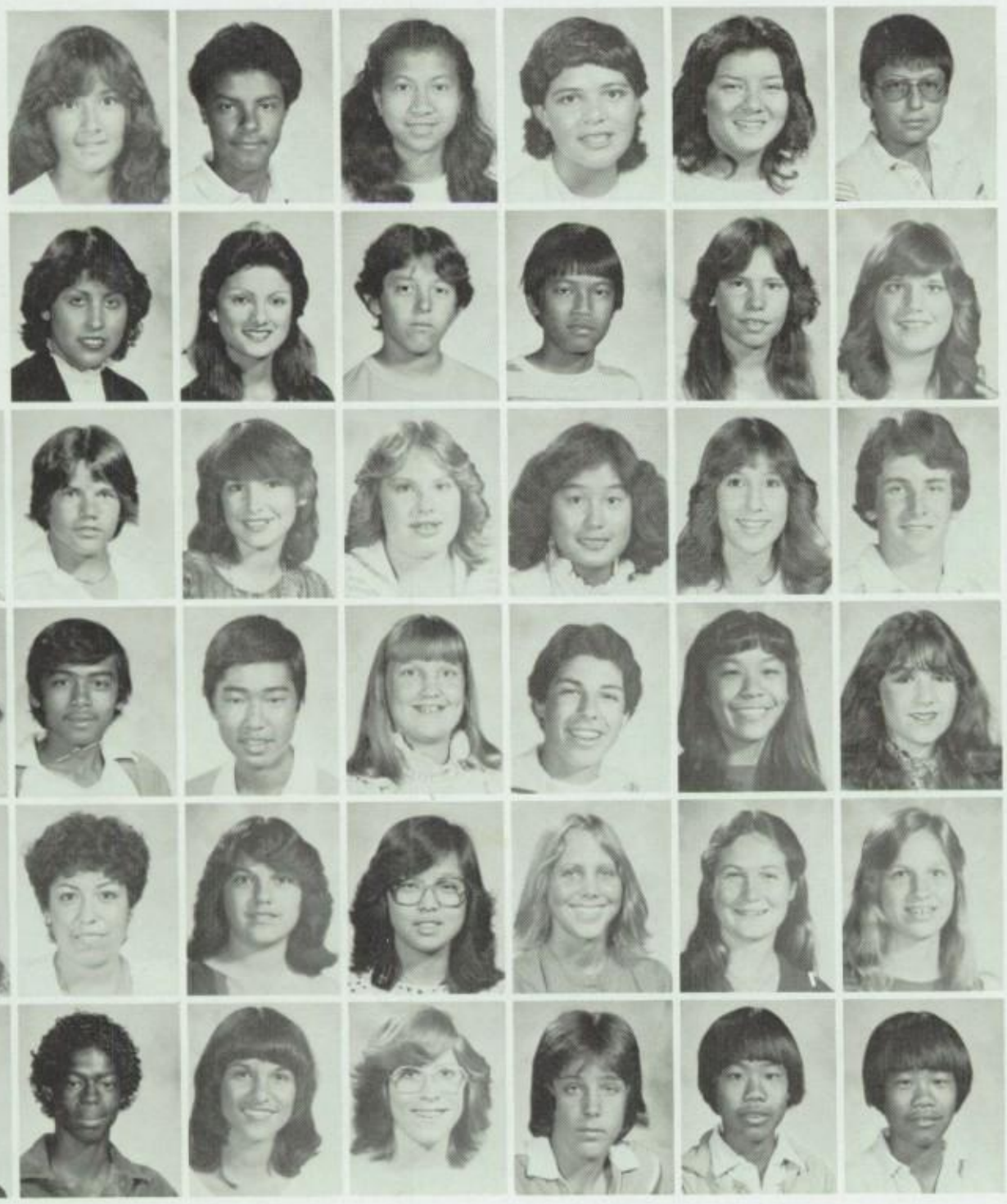
Doug comes from a music-oriented family, everyone sings. Doug's older sister Debby and older brother Darren have always encouraged him.

Including class time, he practiced over 17 hours a week in Production Choir and Band, and practiced yet more at home whenever he could.

When Doug was asked about his future, he replied, "I would like to major in Computer Technology at Azusa Pacific if they have computer majors there and also because of the music program; or attend Cal Poly."

Doug is a multi-talented person, when asked which of his musical talents he enjoys the most, "I like singing and dancing because it doesn't involve being tall and it's a blast."

◀ Practicing with his dance partner Darrah Falcone, Doug Levens shows off his talent. Doug is privileged to be the only sophomore in P.C.



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Roberta Jauregui
Lisa Joh
Laura Johns
Donna Johnson
Lynette Johnson

Warren Johnson
Billy Jones
Laura Jones
Christina Jordan
Steven Joyner
Stuart Jung
Steven Jung

It Hit Everyone!

It gets worse every year ... students dished out more money than they anticipated. There are so many expenses for kids these days, from gas money, to clothes, to school lunches, to dates, to expenses connected with clubs.

New members on the cheerleading squad paid about $180 for uniforms. Clothes are constantly going up in cost and to fill up a tank of gas took at least $15. Even minor things, such as makeup and notebook paper, commanded amazing prices. What is this that's in the air and everywhere? INFLATION! Who knows what will happen next? Will penny gum become dime gum or the familiar dime phone call go up to a quarter?

"What have I done about inflation?" said sophomore Michelle Weger. "Well, besides my allowance, I do little odd jobs like garden sitting and dog watching for people." On the other hand, Cindy Hathaway, another sophomore, said, "I ask mommy for money." A popular alternative, according to sophomore Donna Lawrence, was "Get a job!"

"Inflation here is not terribly bad compared to other countries."
Marty Lewis

If things keep going the way they're going now, students will be relying more and more on both their parents and their jobs for the money that is so vital these days.

Like, oh my Gosh! The prices of sandwiches went up! Sophomore Michaelann Mahard counts out the cash needed to meet the higher cost.

Monique Jurado
Tanya Kalpakoff
Roger Banos
Shawn Karvala
Todd Kawakami
Michelle Kennedy

Marla Kerr
Tamara Kiflawi
Laura Kilgore
Arlene Kim
David King
Sheryl King

Stephanie Kinjo
Ingrid Kircher
Elizabeth Knowles
Marlene Knox
Audra Koklys
Kim Komora
Marjorie Kopp

William Kipp
Wendy Kotani
Lori Kowitz
Marie Kurka
Jeff Lamastus
Don Lee
Jennifer Lee

Judy Lee
Ki Lee
Toki Lee
Laura Leets
Theresa Leets
Doug Levens
Michelle Lew

Marty Lewis
Debbie Lidyoff
Dale Lindner
Regina Lizardo
Lawrence Lo
Robert Locksley
Rafael Lomeli

Alma Lopez
Andrew Lopez
Anthony Lopez

Rodrigo Lopez
Russell Lopez
Daniel Lowe

Donna Lawrence
Adalberto Lozano
Valerie Lozano

William Luce
Marlene Ludwiczak
Jeff Lyska

Chris Macedonio
Daniel Macias
Elizabeth Macias

Denise Maestas
Kara Mahaffey
Michaelann Mahard

Ruth Mahard
Wendy Mahfet
Renee Maldonado
Laura Maner
Sophia Manriquez
Kathy Mar
David Marklein

Mike Martin
Anita Martin
Tom Martinez
Chris Martz
Mike Marzell
Ken Matchniff
Lisa Montijo

Doug Monk
Abraham Miranda
Jullianna Molina
Yvonne Miranda
James Matz
Rose McCallick
John McMichael

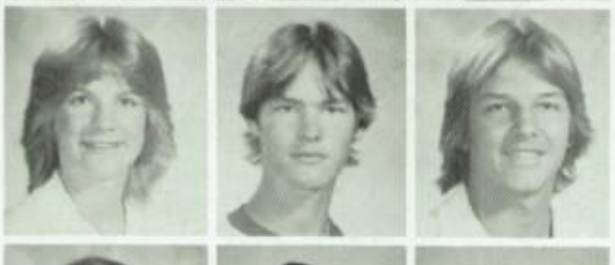
David McSweeny
Bruce Melvin
James Miller
Henry Miller
Erich Meyer
John Merriam
Claudia Mendoza

Alex Mendoza
Leticia Montoya
Leandra Moore

Janette Mora
Angela Morabito
Cynthia Morales

Janel Mullinax
Sam Muniz
Marty Murreitta

Gretchen Myers
Lee Myers
Mike Majarian



Pam Nakamoto
Mamdouh Nakla
Mona Nakla

Victor Neal
Chris Nelson
Ron Nelson

Khoa Nguyen
John Nikol
Valerie Nino
Susan Nixt
Greg Nolan
Stephanie O'Connell
Michael Ogaslert

Julio Oliva
Dana Olsen
Virginia Olson
Ferdinand Ordona
Maureen Ortiz
Cheryl Osburn
Fidel Padilla

Pat Padilla
Abe Padron
Wendy Park
Mark Parker
LaShonne Parmes
Joel Payares
Gina Pena

Ava Perez
Yvonne Perez
Sean Phillips
Richie Pino
Cherie Pipkin
Robert Pitts
Rupert Pollard

The Challenge Is Double

Have you ever had to compete against a tough opponent? Well, adversaries of Los Altos Boys Varsity tennis not only have to compete against one opponent, but two, which makes the challenge double the difficulty.

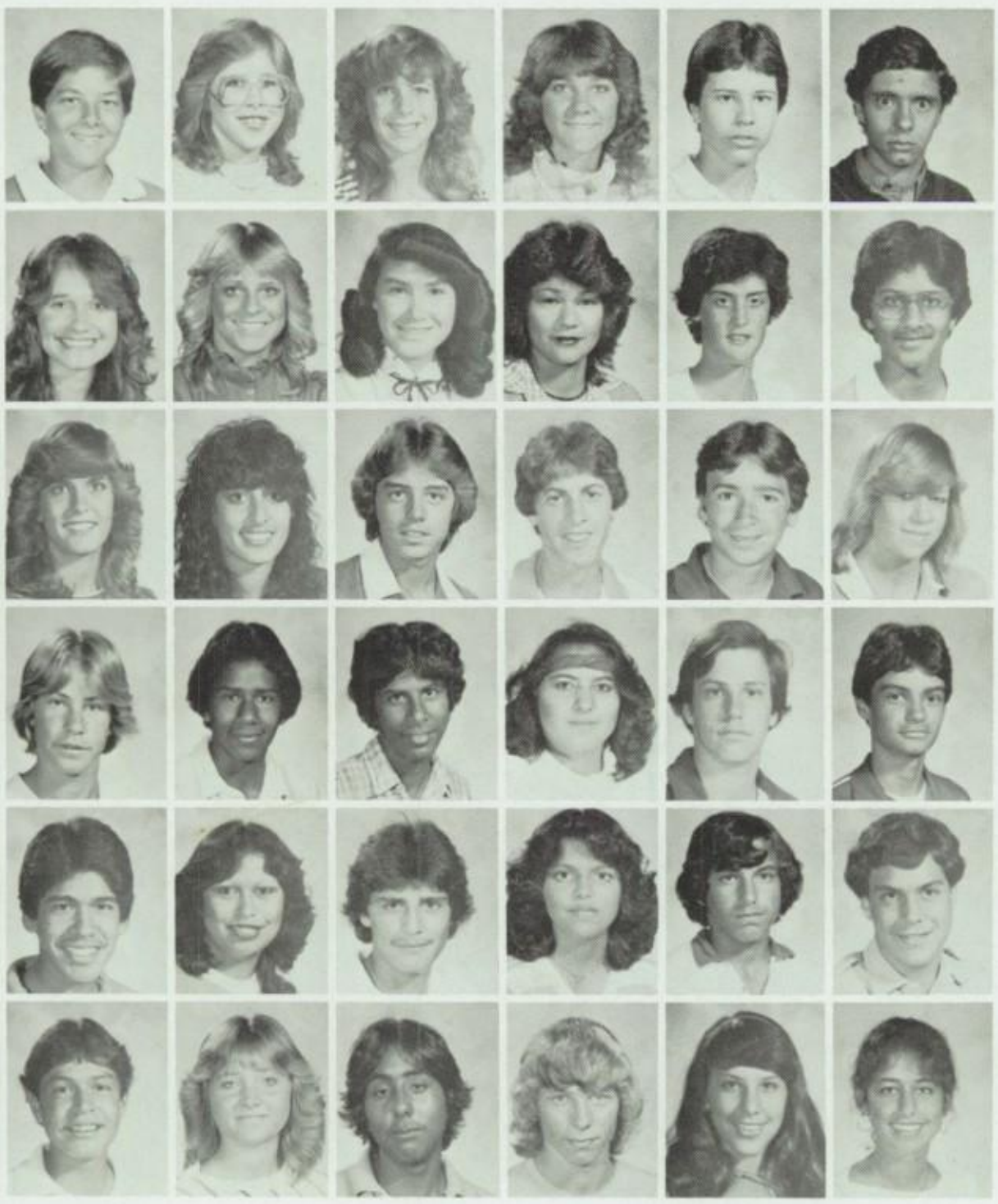
Varsity stars Steve and Stuart Jung are identical twins. Encouraged by their family to play tennis 6 years ago, they have been playing ever since. Steve, who is older by 6 minutes was asked if it helps or hinders them to be known as a twosome. "It helps being twins because we are recognized," said Steve.

Last year Steve and Stuart, who were freshmen at the time, were selected for the Sierra League All-Star Team. They were ranked number one and number two in Los Altos Varsity singles and number's seven and fourteen in singles in the fourteen-and-under category in all of Southern California. They were also ranked number two in doubles. All of this expertise helped our Varsity tennis team capture the Sierra League title.

Steve and Stuart were asked about their plans for the near future. "I hope to repeat as the Sierra League's most valuable player and I hope the team will repeat for the 3rd consecutive year as Sierra League champs," replied Steve. "I hope to make it through High School and that our team wins the Sierra League title for four years," said Stuart.

Both brothers plan to attend a major university and play tennis.

◀ Double trouble awaits the opponents as Steve and Stuart Jung patiently pose before a tennis match. The Jung brothers usually annihilate their opponents.



Mike Poltorak
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Stephanie Porter
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Daniel Praniuk

Elizabeth Prohoroff
Candace Pugh
Doris Quesda
Marcelina Ramirez
Barbara Ray
Salman Razi

Monique Reichiel
Shannon Reid
Annette Reinoso
Marty Reyes
Paul Richman
Mike Rickett
Carol Ritchie

Rose Rivas
Mark Robinson
Henry Rodriquez
Luis Rodriguez
Arlene Roles
Tony Romano
Raul Romeo

Barry Romig
John Romo
Esther Rosales
Steve Ruiz
Sandra Ruiz
Daniel Russo
Gary Sheriff

Joel Sherrill
John Shipp
Renee Showe
Hector Silva
Glenn Simmons
Emilia Sinatra
Erenee Sirinian

Distracting?

Half of the students took it seriously, and the other half weren't sure they were hearing straight. All eyes were on Mr. White as he gave his annual pep talk and explained the Los Altos dress code.

Eyebrows rose as t-shirt fanatics heard the rule about being sent home for wearing distracting clothing. Roy the surfer boy panicked over the thought of never again wearing his wardrobe of Mr. Zogg's sex wax surfboard wax t-shirts to class.

Meanwhile, Rod the mod, Willy who's a rockabilly, and Pat, a punker cat, frowned over the news. It was goodbye to some of their favorite band jerseys. At the other end of the stands, the Valley girls and boys realized they could no longer advertise their favorite beverages. It was easy for all of them to forget that their "fave" sayings or band names could have a double meaning.

Then, a dress code section appeared in the new Los Altos folders; it was really official. For many, it was time to go buy a new, conservative style of t-shirt. Junior Greg Pugh complained: "The administration takes the meanings of the shirts the wrong way."

But the code was here to stay, and it was safer to wear basic, unadorned garb like Izod LaCoste.

Mr. White, who dealt with the violators, said: "Students conform to the dress code because that's how they want it to be. The problem very seldom comes up. It's basically not too strict. The only things that are a problem are the shirts that distract kids from the learning process like the vulgarity printed on t-shirts and the hot-weather clothes."

▸ Stop that young man! Greg Pugh is the "perfect" violator of the dress code. Mr. White says that roach clips, sex wax surfboard wax t-shirts, skateboards, and of course pipes are not allowed on campus.

Amanda Smith
Chad Smith
Erin Smith
Pat Smith
Eric Smith
Michelle Sondeveldt

Jennifer Sprague
Kathleen Spratling
Frank Stark
Shawn Stockwell
Keith Suarez
Shannon Sueyoshi

Don Sung
Marvin Swan
Renee Sylvester
Suzanne Severance
Nikki Sadd
Gus Salazar
Luis Salazar

Estella Sanchez
Peter Sanchez
Robert Salazar
Kimberly Sandoval
Chris Schork
Krista Schroeder
Mark Schroeder

Carol Schmus
Bruce Seabol
Avery Searcy
Regina Sediva
Julie Segan
Troy Stella
Chris Seminaris

Maria Serna
Kathy Tadlock
Karla Talbott
Norman Tang
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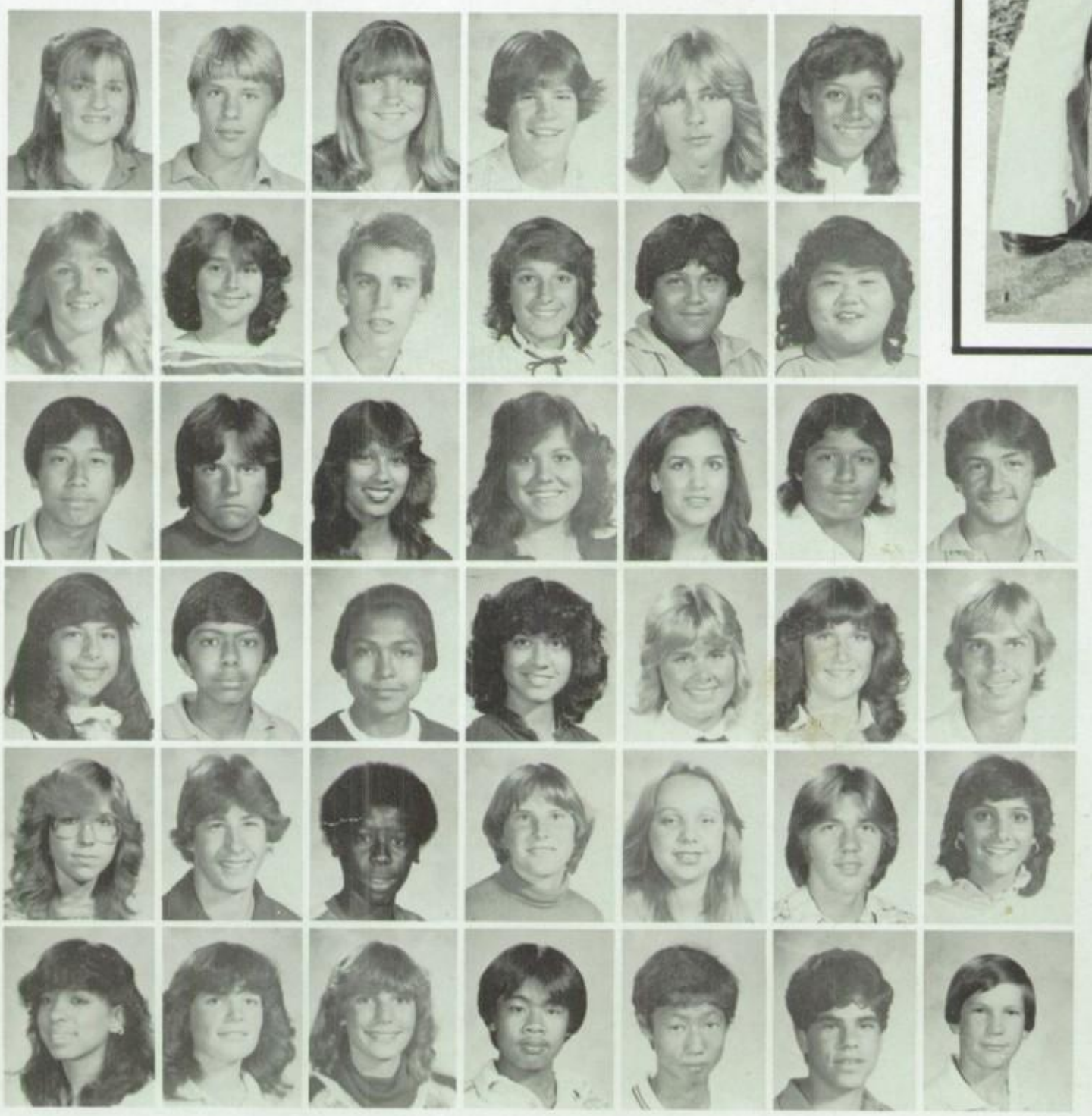

Glen Tedrow
Mike Thompson
Pauline Torres

Sandra Travis
Paul Treinen
Andrew Trevino

Judy Tsuei
James Tuckey
Roy Turnbow

Matthew Tyler
Robert Tyler
Tracy Uhl

Andrew Ulmer
Jong Ur
Mike Uzes

David Valdez
Ernie Valdez
Jimmy Vallejo

Ken Varela
Vincent Vaughn
Manuel Velasco
Louis Villaran
Mark Viner
Dana Walters
Tiffany Watson

Colette Watters
Michelle Weger
John Wentz
Denison West
Michelle West
Don Whitmer
J.R. Williams

Reluss Williams
Stacy Williams
Michael Wilson
Robbie Witzel
Russell Wooldridge
Michele Wright
Todd Yates

Diana Ybarra
Hoe Ye
James Yoon
Herbert Yu
Sung Yun
Lucinda Zuniga
Paul Zuniga

David Aamodt
Roy Alberoni
Vangie Adeva

Aurora Aguila
Walter Ahhaitty
Hisako Aizawa

Leticia Alarcon
Adrian Alcazar
Shelli Alexander
Darrell Allen
Ruben Alvarado
Ron Alvarez
Yvette Alvarez

Jasmine Amar
Tina Anderberg
Jennifer Anderson
Lisa Annan
Paula Amon
Kam Apodaca
Jesse Arballo

Andrea Areghini
Rene Arguien
Maria-Rita Arico
Judy Asman
Sina Atafua
Luis Avila
Alisa Azpeitia

Beth Baca
Benny Badal
Steven Baer
Ann Bagnaschi
John Baik
Andre Banks
Ann Barcal

Angel Barbosa
Renee Barlow
Julie Barrier
Remy Barron
Mariam Barsegian
April Barton
Laura Becerra

Mia Beck
Cindy Berends
Susann Beringer
Stephanie Berndt
Naomi Bill
Mark Binder
Diane Black

Don't Underestimate Them

For the thrill of it, the work in it, the fun of it- that's why Kim Lechlitner, Todd Schork, Janet Heimann, and Kathy Frasier ran for and were elected to the positions of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer respectively.

Car washes, renting movies, dances for everyone, and talent shows were activities that they planned. But of course being in an office doesn't mean all play and no work. There were important meetings, decisions, involvement in school activities, and almost anything else you could think of that required work.

When Todd Schork was asked why he ran for vice president, he commented "It would be interesting, and to find out what makes ASB tick." He also said "I wanted a change of pace from the dull classroom to the excitement of being in a class office."

The freshmen class's position is not one usually to be desired but their school spirit was. When in the pep rallies, one could always tell where a freshman was sitting. When asked about spirit, Kim Lechlitner, president, said, "I know how much spirit the class of 1986 has and how we could do a lot of things to get involved with the school."

Prestige, patience, and dedication, are efforts that were put through by those people for the class of nineteen eighty six.

Opposite page

Top Left: During elections, the freshman class cast their votes for their favorite candidates. Chris Mancino and friends make last minute decisions.

Top Right: Looking forward to a busy year, Kathy Frasier, treasurer; Janet Heimann, secretary; Kim Lechlitner, president; and Todd Schork, vice president, take a break from a meeting.

Tammy Black
Tracy Blake
Susie Boerlin
David Bohannon
Richard Borras
David Bradburn
Kathie Bretoi

Cyndie Brinker
Gary Brown
Hector Bustamante
Mark Cabal
Larry Calderon
Veronica Camarena
Kristy Campbell

John Cho
Eddie Carlson
Tony Carranza
Michelle Carrillo
Lisa Casado
Keri Casillas
Maria Castanon

Jeff Castel De Oro
Tom Castillo
Chris Castrellon
Tammy Caton
Mandi Cerato
Stephen Chaddock
Mark Chambers

Alysia Chang
Jonathan Chang
Wayne Chatelain
Anna Chavez
Ernie Chavez
Norbert Chen
Anne Chen

Teh-Chien Chen
Samantha Chesky
Nancy Choung
Lisa Christman
Dan Chronis
Henry Chiu
Hyun Chun

Something New

The football schedule had a new twist for the varsity players. The customary Friday night games weren't always on Friday night. In fact, three games (2 here and 1 away) were played on Thursday nights. This change was the result of the Conquerors and Wildcats sharing the same stadium.

Mixed emotions in both teachers and students were aroused by this change. The change was especially hard on the players. Commented Mike Smith, "It gave us one less day for preparation." Remarked Glen Robles, "Thursday night games were bad because you couldn't do anything after the game, and you had to go home and study."

Teacher's views about the Thursday games were mixed. Mr. Franz, who works at the games, disliked Thursday games. He said, "I had to miss all of them because I had a night class." On the other hand, Mr. Floyd commented, "I think they were great because they started my weekends off earlier." He also commented, "I noticed that the crowds were smaller." That they were. Many had to miss the three games to do homework or catch up on sleep.

Thursday games-will we always have them, or were they a one year trial schedule? One thing's for sure, people either loved them or hated them. Said Dean Gatons," I liked Friday games better because it's hard to get up in the morning after a game."

When Coach Despain was asked what he thought of the Thursday game, he remarked, "I think one or two Thursday games in a season is okay, but not three in a row. It's too tough on the players and the student body. It's hard for the players to come back to school the next day and sit in a classroom."

During a Freshman football game Cathy Ibbetson, Jody Weadon, Janet Heimann and friends cheer on their teams. This was one of the Thursday games.

Michelle Cleveland
Cynthia Cole
Beverly Coleman
Pat Collins
Lisa Colmenares
Rick Conferti

Steve Contreras
Robert Corleu
Julius Cortes
Michelle Cortez
Denise Costello
Stephan Cousineau

Rita Cruz
Erek Cuccia
Steven Cunningham
Erik Curtis
Craig Dallitz
Danny Dalziel
Arlene Danganan

Lisa Dante
Kristal Davis
Monica De La Peza
Melissa Delgadillo
Marlena Dominguez
David Donatlan
Dennis Doyle

Kevin Droe
Danette Duda
Bill Duncan
Paul Dugan
Robin Dusini
Dean Dutton
Todd Dwyer

Leslie Easton
Robert Easton
Kimberly Edward
Tommy Elder
Norman Elliott
Lowell Erbe
Elena Escalera

Tony Escarcega
Steve Esquivel
Ely Fani

Debbie Fajt
April Faudoa
Paul Feher

Robert Felix
Kent Ferrin
Claudia Ferrini

Nadine Fierro
Heather Finch
Mike Firman

Scott Flanders
Denise Flores
Jose Flores

Mark Flores
Patsy Ford
Glenn Fox

Mark Francis
Trisha Frando
Kathy Frazer
Janet Freemont
Doug Freeze
Vic Fusano
Amanda Gage

Lisa Gallegos
Adrienne Garcia
Brian Garcia
Jay Garcia
Martha Garcia
Denise Gallego
Dennis Garcia

Gabriel Garcia
Sonia Garcia
Stephen Garcia
Theodora Garcia
Mike Gay
William George
Guyanna Gill

Danny Goble
Antoinette Givens
Adam Gomez
Emilio Gomez
Teri Gomez
Becky Gonzalez
Jose Gonzalez

Denise Gonzales
James Gonzales
Penny Gonzales

Kelly Goodspeed
Grace Gonzalez
Scott Gravitt

Jeff Grobecker
Jennifer Grubaugh
Kirstin Gustafson

Yvette Gutierrez
Chris Haas
Crystal Hale

Mike Hale
Richard Hamilton
Gina Hansen

Dwayne Hanson
Mike Harrie
Negin Hasherninia

Debra Hastings
Bart Hargraves
Priscilla Hernandez
Polly Hernandez
Patricia Hernandez
Christina Hernandez
Maricella Hernandez

Anna Hernandez
Danny Herbert
Janet Heimann
Monica Heilmann
Will Harris
Mike Hernandez
Nancy Hernandez

Susan Hernandez
Javier Herrera
Shannon Heyrend
Joann Hicks
Kenneth Hirscht
Jeff Hokon
Jimmy Hooper

David Hoover
Marc Hoover
David Houston
Cherie Hovelsen
Lisa Hovelsrud
Patrick Howell
Devin Huff

Turn Your Clocks Back

It all started back in the '50's with the King of Rock, Elvis Presley, and many other popular singers and musical groups of that time. Then it was called Rock 'n Roll, but today's version is Rockabilly.

Students who got into Rockabilly claim they did because the '50's, from what their parents told them, were really the good old days. Even entire families approved of Rockabilly because it brought back a lot of good memories.

Carlos "James Dean" Alcazar and Mario "Rocky" Pineda, Los Altos Rockabilly members, jointly commented: "Rockabilly is not a fad, it's our way of life; it's no phase, it's reality. We are living the great old '50's high school fantasy where all the girls wore poodle shirts, showing off their Sandra Dee-style prom dresses, bobby socks, long lettermen sweaters and, of course saddle shoes."

Rockabillies like to hang out at Infinity Club, Radio City, Galaxy and Marilyn's and listen to their favorite groups - the Stray Cats, Rockin' Rebels, the Blasters - and dance the Bop, Swing, and the Twist.

"All in all, we look like a typical scene from a '50's high school movie, but it isn't a movie, it's our real life. And that's why we hate it when other people try to be what they are not just because they **think** it's a fad and everyone is in it.", commented "Rocky" and "James Dean."

◀ Everyone wants to be different, so Carlos "James Dean" Alcazar and Mario "Rocky" Pineda show their new Rockabilly style. Many students adapted to the new style.

Judie Hwang
Isabel Ibarra
Cathy Ibbetson
Katherine Ireland
Jeff Irwin
April Jaramillo

Lori Jennings
Roy Jimenez
Darrin Johns
Anthony Jones
Hariko Kamo
Kay Keefer

Sharon Keegan
Cheryl Kelley
Gale Kerem
Susan Kessler
Lori Keuning
Jud Kilgore
Grace Kim

Christine Klose
Michael Knobloch
Candice Kramer
Rosemary Koehler
Wayne Koklys
Hye Shin Kong
Thomas Kopp

Susan Kozak
Stephanie Kubas
Natalie Labiak
April Lacher
Arcadio Landazuri
Lisa Lau
Danielle Lauper

Cindy Lebo
Kimberly Lechlitner
John Lee
KiSook Lee
Tomi Lee
David Legaspi
Gina Legault

Starting Over

From first grade to sixth, seventh to eighth, ninth to twelfth, and all over again in college. That's how the life of a student goes. He starts out unknowingly and works his way to the top, then drops to be the "low life" again.

As we become sixth graders we thought we owned the school. That year ended with us thinking that's the way it would be for the rest of our school years. But boy, were we wrong!

Seventh grade came along and so did different teachers, schedules, lockers, and new people. There were good times like dances, pep rallies, and sometimes getting good grades. Soon enough we were eighth graders and the big wigs of the school again. For some people, junior high had come and gone so the big things left were the graduation dance, getting out of some classes, and (whew) graduation.

At last high school came. And who could pick a better school than Los Altos? No one knew what classes he had until that moment at the snacketeria. "P.E. second" rumbled through the crowd. What a contrast to junior high. We actually had to work for that "A".

Homework and football games were the talk of the first couple of months. Report cards came and some of us weren't so lucky as others but we survived.

The last day of school had come and we survived our first year of high school. But again next year, same time same place, we'll be Starting Over.

After figuring out their combinations, freshmen Lisa Dante and friends talk about their new school. Many found their first day of school to be frightening while others were at ease.

Lawrence Lemos
Jimmy Lee
Hua Ling
Steve Limon
George Liu
Jeff Locke

Christine Logan
Jesse Lomeli
Anita Lopez
Barbara Lopez
Ernesto Lopez
John Lopez

Mark Lopez
John Lorenzana
Dolores Lozano
Jeff Lucas
Tom Lucero
Susan Ludwiczak
Vivian Lujan

Earl Luther
Curtis Mack
Jennifer Madden
Rene Magana
Kim Marshall
Kristie Mancino
Eric Mao

David Marquez
Frank Martel
Alex Martinez
Dina Martinez
Elizabeth Martinez
Terry Martinez
Peter Matchniff

Barbara Maurizi
Susie Mazer
Patricia McCallick
Vicki McCone
Stephanie McFarland
Katie McIntyre
Teri McKenzie

Greg Mc Kinney
Manuel Mendez
Manuel Mendez

Marc Mendoza
Aaron Merrill
Michelle Merrill

Malinda Merrill
Diane Miller
Larry Miller

Kim Millon
John Minnicucci
Teresa Minto

Melvin Miranda
Dena Mitchell
Mark Montes

Monica Montes
Laura Montoya
Matthew Monzon

Susie Moon
Belinda Moore
Gloria Morales
Carlos Moreno
Anthony Morgan
Jennifer Morgan
Lisa Morgan

Stacy Morhar
Mayumi Mori
Eric Moser
Katherine Moser
Rica Motomal
Roger Mortle
Misty Munoz

Gina Musetti
Carey Nakamura
Tuyeh Nguyen
Lani Nishida
Deana Nocella
Angela Noe
Elisabeth Noren

Natalie Norrys
Becki Ochoa
Kenneth Oh
Richard Oh
Jeff Olah
Derek Oie
Brian Olea

Melissa O'Mary
Diane Orchard
Kim Ornelas

Derek Ortega
Julie Ortiz
Allen Ottoson

Kerri Parent
Greg Parra
John Pavone

John Peart
Sally Pena
Pablo Penalba

Al Perez
Sophia Perez
Steve Peterson

Huong Pham
Dawn Phillips
Dianne Piche

Chris Pilato
Daniel Pistone
Shawn Plowman
Kelli Pomidoro
Theresa Portilla
Shane Pratt
Byron Provins

John Ramirez
Leticia Ramirez
Maria Ramirez
Yvonne Ramirez
Irfan Razi
Ronald Reed
Michelle Rester

Steve Rester
Paul Rhee
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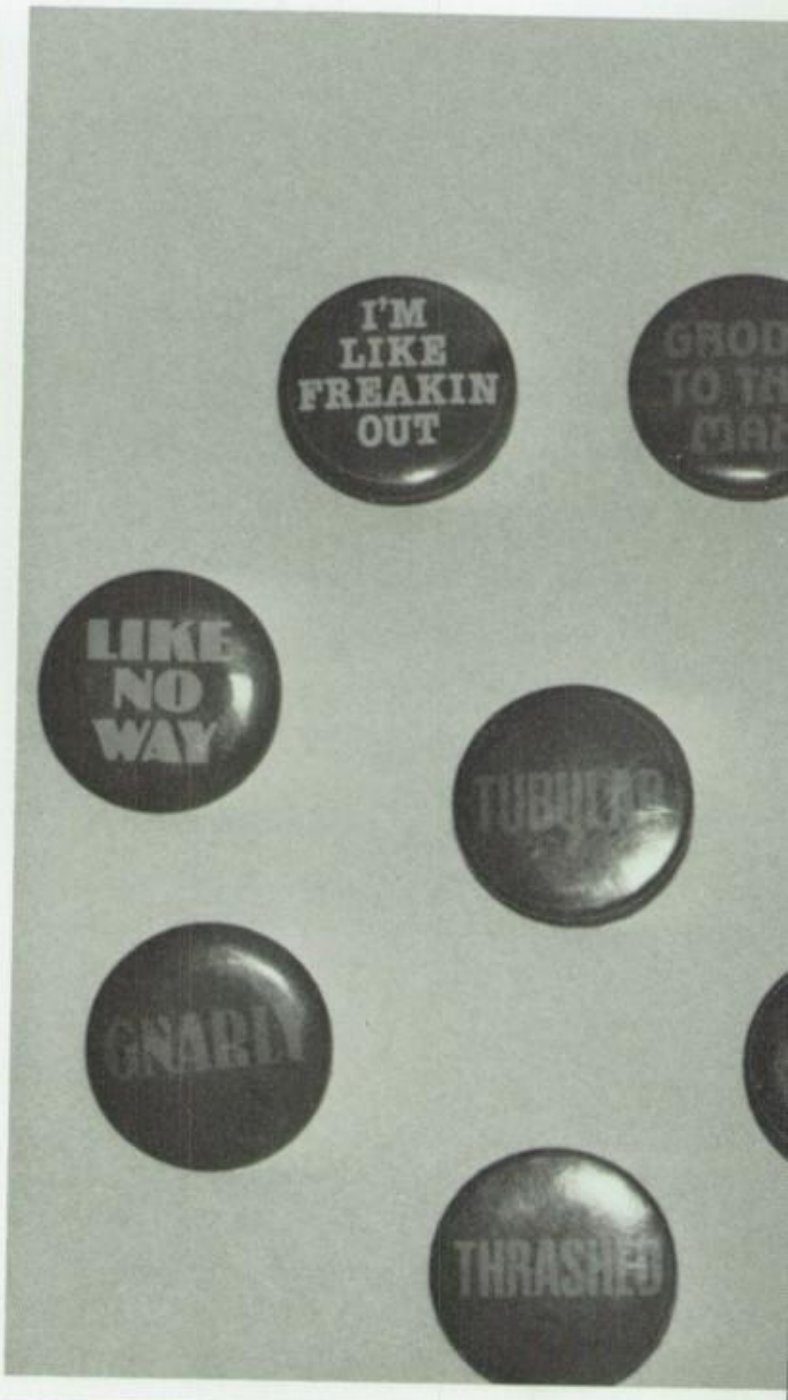

Oh My Gosh!

What set us teenagers apart from other age groups? After just a few minutes on campus one difference was obvious ... our sayings. Many adults got lost trying to decipher our totally R & I phrases (radical and intense).

This was the year of the Valley girls and dudes. Our language was definitely influenced by Frank Zappa's song, "Valley Girl." Kathie Sandoval's favorite saying was, "I'm sure", while Denise Johns' was "For sure." Another saying taken from that infamous song was Ricky Gerger's favorite word, "gnarly". Of course no one can forget the multitude of sayings taken from "gag me with a spoon". There was "gag me with a half bitten toe nail", "gag me with a chopstick", "gag me with an oar", and even "gag me with a cucumber".

A very popular phrase from the movie "Fast Times" was, "Hey Bud, let's party". That's where Stuart Matthews got his favorite saying, "Hey Dude, let's party".

"Gag me with a chopstick."

However, not all our sayings were copied or derivted from songs and movies. Some were sayings we'd heard from others and some were to get a point across. For instance, Kathie Bretoi's favorite phrase was, "Take a hike." and Crystal Hale's was "Like, baby doll." Julie Berry liked to say, "Hey, dog breath."

So, many teens displayed their individuality by using different phrases. And, although sometimes it was hard to understand, it made our language more colorful.

◀ Like I'm freakin out. Can you dig? These buttons show some of our new totally R&I phrases. (Radical and Intense)

Cindy Roman
Jordonna Rosen
Anthony Rosilez
Aimee Roy
Susan Roybal
Connie Ruelas

Andrea Ruiz
Kirsten Rumpf
Kristine Russell
Nancy Ruthemeyer
John Saenz
Tony Salazar

Violet Salcido
Mike Saleh
Marty Salinas
Lorie Samuels
Brenda Sanchez
Steve Sargent
Robert Sass

Randy Schlatter
Maureen Schneider
Hans Schodlbauer
Todd Schork
Victor Schwetz
Shelly Scurto
Robert Seabol

Tom Sediva
Cheryl Sem
David Semmer
Letty Serrano
Brett Sherlin
Keith Shishido
Regina Shirley

Zainab Shmara
Richard Shulman
Sue Sigalos
Alfredo Silva
Edwin Silva
Jon Silva
Robert Silva

Just Around The Corner

On campus or off the Regional Occupational Program has something for everyone. Did you know that there were over ten courses offered here on campus, among them Cabinet Making, Nursing Assistant, and Office Occupations? Or that over five hundred people signed up for at least one of the fifty-four classes available?

Mrs. Arlene Dunajski, Career Center Clerk, commented, "The idea behind ROP is that the people who complete it will have an entry level job skill." The Career Center, located on our campus, is a helpful, resource-type library where students can find out about ROP, universities and colleges, and about education in general. There are pamphlets, catalogs, and information pertaining to jobs and schooling.

ROP had over fifty different classes in the Hacienda-La Puente Unified School District.

The number of hours a student attends class is very important to his passing that class. If the hours are not completed, the student will not receive the credits. Also, if the student passes his class, credits will be issued.

Once an ROP class is completed the chances of getting a job is great. Over 60% of the students who take the classes get jobs. Frances Fukute, who was enrolled in the Small Animal Care class, commented, "I feel more confident in getting a job now more than ever."

◗ Animal care is very important not only to the animal but to it's owner. Here Ingrid Kircher grooms her cat, Tigger, for the small Animal Care class.

Denise Simonian
Rudy Singleterry
John Slater
Paul Siordia
Chere Smith
Christina Smith

Darcy Smith
Mark Smith
Tyson Smith
Wesley Smith
Chuck Snyder
Lori Sonneveldt

Deborah Sotello
Patricia Spadano
Deborah Spangler
Mandy Spanks
Gary Spears
Stacy Squires
Elissa Stankiewicz

Randy Stenberg
Sira Stenberg
Tom Stepanski
Ted Stephan
Valerie Stickles
Jo Lyn Stoddard
Jeff Stutz

Jim Summers
Julia Sun
Theodore Tabor
Melissa Taft
Dina Taulli
Phillip Tedrow
Ani Terzakian

Kim Tirre
Eric Todd
Tonoli Kristine
John Torres
Rose Trevino
Danny Trovato
Elizabeth Trujillo

Cindy Tung
Terry Ulinski
Alex Ulloa

Sonia Umana
Stacey Valrie
Lisa Vara

Nicholas Vasquez
Art Velasquez
Mark Velasquez

Michelle Velderrain
Steve Vedick
Arthur Verdugo

Valorie Villanueva
Rosa Villaran
Rudy Villescas

Kellee Viner
Jennifer Vo
Stacey Voll

Nicolette Vorwald
Susan Voss
Paula Wagoner
Toni Ward
Jolene Watanabe
Allison Waters
Ty Watkins

James Watson
Mike Watson
Jody Weadon
Jennifer Weinberg
Bobby Whitmer
Paul Wiederkehr
Lisa Willoughby

Kelly Wilson
Chris Wolfhooe
David Won
Travis Wooldridge
Lisa Wright
Bau Bau Woo
Albert Yanagisawa

Doug Yee
Phillip Young
Evelyn Yuen
Lisa Zambrano
Johnny Zamudio
Ralph Zastrow
John Zorn

Introducing the Organizers

Faculty

By John Hirano, Dean Gatons, Leticia Montoya

Who were those tireless people who attempted to convey their knowledge to us? Who gave us a steady diet of reading, writing, and algebra? Who else but the faculty! The hardworking faculty members have dedicated themselves to a lifetime of service, teaching all types of students, from squirming ninth graders to senioritis-struck twelfth graders, giving them those basic skills necessary for survival in this world.

Dedicated? Most definitely! One would have to be dedicated to teaching to be willing to correct over five hundred papers each week. The teachers deciphered thousands of essays, checked scores of math problems, fought their way through unintelligible labs and typing assignments, and examined the work of budding artists. Then after school it was time to work on lesson plans — if an athletics team didn't need attention first.

Why do they keep teaching? When Mrs. Johnson, a twenty-five year veteran of Los Altos, was asked that question, she remarked with a smile, "I happen to like kids! The kids today are just as good, fun, and exciting and well-informed (as those of twenty-five years ago) — maybe more so!"

These "organizers", who trained us to function in the world, were the real backbone of the school. Because without teachers, there would be no school ... and then where would we be?

Money Being Saved

Economic problems often require drastic measures. Due to recent budget cuts, all administrators and couselors in the Hacienda-La Puente U.S.D. had to substitute for teachers two days each month. This action gave Los Altos an extra $4,000, approximately, to spend on new equipment and school supplies such as desks, chairs, movie projectors. Much of the equipment now on hand is old and repairs are costly. The budget to buy replacements has also been reduced, so the extra funds will help ease the situation. When questioned about the impact of this decision giving them an added duty, the responses of the administrators were mostly positive. Mr. Mauch said, "I enjoy the opportunity to go back to the classroom, but find it time consuming and it tends to take time away from my own job as principal." Mr. White said, "There are many positive and negative attidudes towards this decision. Negative would be that it will take time away from other things. Positive would be that being there in the classroom will give another view of the kids. This way I will be able to meet more kids." Most teachers also reacted in a positive way. They felt that occasionally getting administrators and counselors back into a teaching situation will give them a better idea of what is really happening in the classroom.

Jo Arneson
Member

Kenneth Kim
Member

Ken Manning
Member

Judy Richmond
Member

Bill Torres
President

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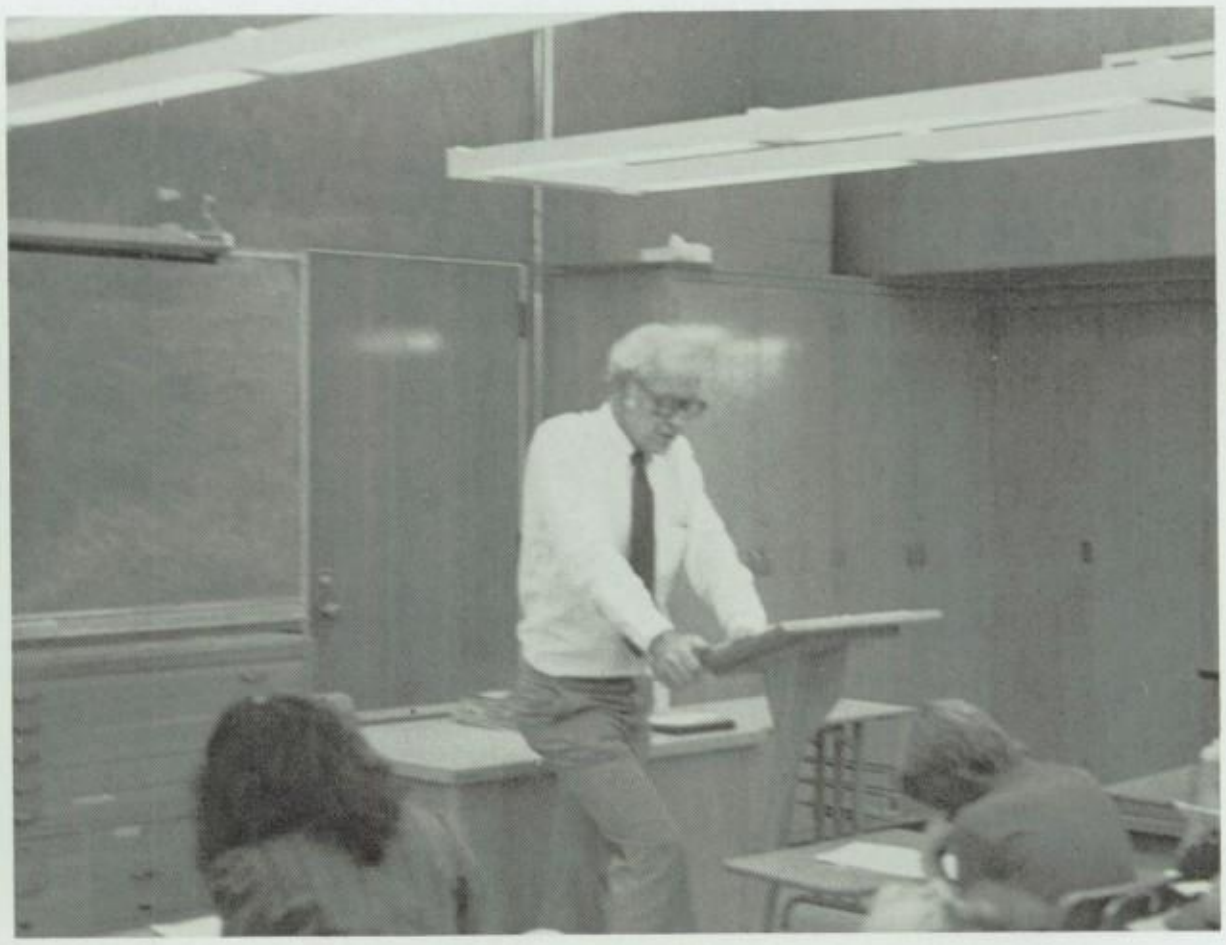
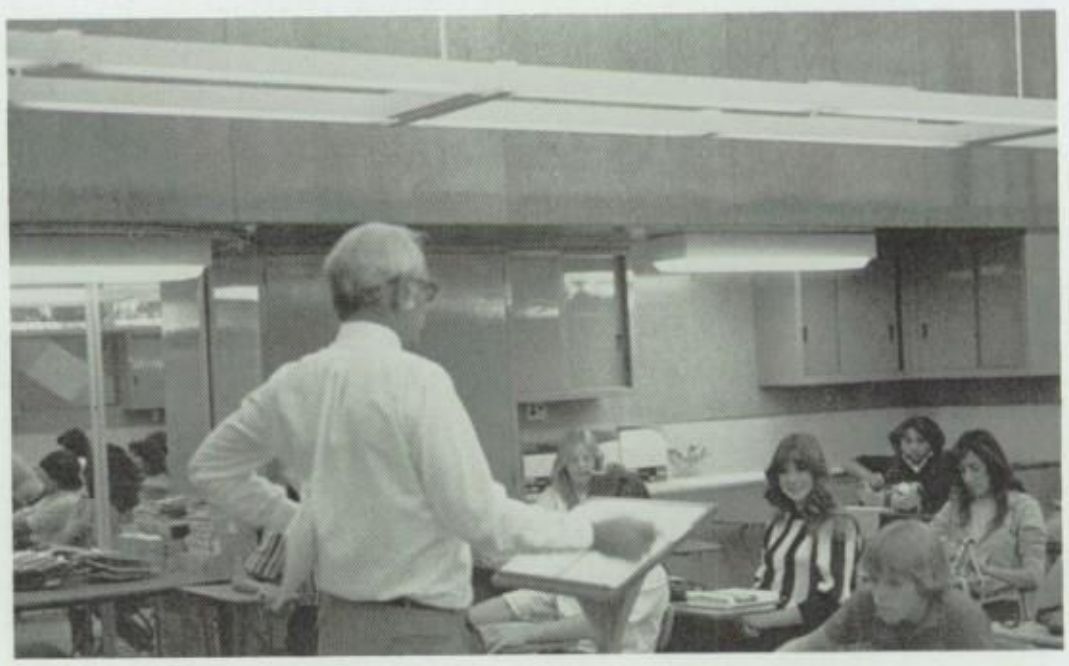
Dr. Nay passes out the daily work.



Dr. Nay looks over the assignment for the day.

"I enjoy the opportunity to go back to the classroom, but find it time consuming and it tends to take time away from my own time as principal."

PATRICK MAUCH, PRINCIPAL



Dr. Nay reads the answers to the homework assigned the day before.

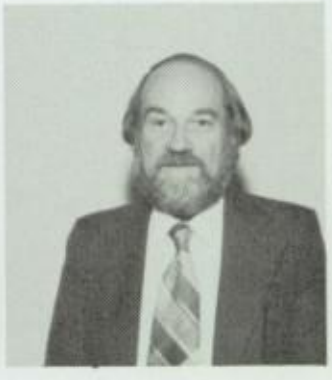
Russ Ribb
Superintendent

Geno Dezzuti
Administrator Zone A

John R. Clonts
Administrator
Zone B

Irving Rem
Instruction

James E. Johnson
Administrator
Personnel Education



Thomas J. Johnson
Career

Max Ragland
Business Manager

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Profile Of A Proud Principal

Thirteen years ago, Mr. Mauch left Workman High School. As a young man, he attended a college in North Carolina for about a year and then transferred to Loyola University in Los Angeles for two years. Mr. Mauch then went to USC., where he majored in psychology, education, philosophy, and social science.

Although Mr. Mauch's original career choice was to become a counselor, he decided to become a principal instead. As principal, his main priorities are to create a school with a studious atmosphere and to hire and coordinate a competent staff. Mr. Mauch arranges class schedules and is basically responsible for the smooth operation of the school. Obviously he doesn't do it all, but he delegates duties to others to see that everything is done properly. It has also been his duty to take care of certain activities outside of school and any important activity going on must be cleared with him unless it is an established annual event.

Since the budget cuts have been implemented, Los Altos has less money to buy books and other school equipment. Los Altos has fewer staff members and no behind-the-wheel drivers training. Buildings will not be maintained at the present standard and teachers may have to go without a raise.

He is really pleased with the students of Los Altos and their enthusiasm to improve, learn, and perform. The academic achievements that have been accomplished by the students of Los Altos have made him extremely proud of them.

He gets particularly peeved when students or faculty do anything to embarass the school.

Although he does not have a single most memorable year, he feels that in every year there has been a most memorable event.

The job of being principal at Los Altos is challenging, but it is a challenge that Mr. Mauch does not regret accepting.

◀ "I pledge allegiance . . ." At the awards ceremony, Mr. Mauch, Ken Manning, board member, and Mike Smith assume their duties in leading the flag salute. Although, Mr. Mauch had an extremely busy schedule, he always seemed to find time for **important** events.

Patrick Mauch
Principal

Daniel Nay
Asst. Principal

Kelly Godfrey
Activities Director

Clint Dunn
Attendance Counselor

Edmund Airey
Attendance Coordinator

Gail Fletcher
Counselor

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◂ Mr. Mauch proudly announces the awards for the high achievements that each student has attained.

▾ Joe Ruiz seems to enjoy the conversation with Mr. Mauch, who makes a point to associate with students during lunchtime.

▾ Mr. Mauch stands by the Los Altos logo with pride; he has been part of the L.A. family for thirteen consecutive years.

Donald White
Asst. Principal

Don Edwards
Head Counselor

Bill Goodwin
Vocational Counselor

Arnold Maldonado
Counselor

Cliff Nielsen
Counselor

Richard Slosek
Counselor

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Alterations Within The Staff

With dedication, Mr. Fichtner teaches choir. His goals are always to strive for excellence and to put on the best shows possible.

As happens every year, there were changes and additions to the faculty. Among these changes was the appointment of Mr. Godfrey as A.S.B. director, Mrs. Price as assistant advisor for the yearbook, Mr. Fichtner as choral director, Mr. Hyre as waterpolo and swimming coach, and Mrs. Mader as an E.S.L. (English as a second language) teacher.

A major change was the appointment of Mr. Godfrey, former Los Altos social studies teacher and coach. However, he claims it really wasn't difficult for him to leave the classroom to work in a more pressured and time-consuming position. He feels that coaching tennis, baseball, and basketball, and staying at school until 5:00 P.M. for the last ten years helped prepare him for this job. "My responsibilities as A.S.B. director", quoted Mr. Godfrey, "are to plan school activities and funtions." And those are indeed many at Los Altos.

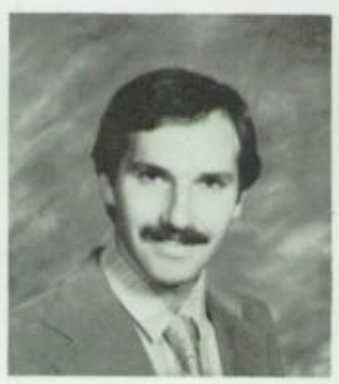
For Mrs. Judy Price, it wasn't difficult to get adjusted to a different teaching situation because she is the type of person who adapts to most situations with a minimum of difficulty. She finds the involvement of the students great to see. In her new role, she assisted Mrs. Rego with the yearbook. "It's giving me an opportunity", quotes Mrs. Price, "to learn the workings of a yearbook."

As choral director, Mr. Fichtner teaches four choir classes: Production, A Capella, Men's Choir, and Women's Ensemble. He also teaches Bell Choir and Madrigals which are more like clubs. He began getting involved in choral groups when in the eighth grade. As a senior in high school, he was involved in the Orange County choir. The director of this group encouraged him to go to Cal. State Fullerton and try for a scholarship. He was accepted, and went on to become a credentialled teacher. Since then, he has been teaching choir in both

Norman Anderson
Science

Diane Applebaum
English

Denny Aria
Physical Ed.



David Barret
S.D.C.

Dana Brega
Math

William Brundage
English

Chuck Calver
Physical Ed.

Audrey Christman
L.H.

Phil Colunga
Industrial Ed.

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junior high and high schools. "My main goal for this year", quotes Mr. Fichtner, "was to strive for excellence and put on the best shows possible."

Born in Clarksburg, West Virginia, Mr. Daniel Hyre attended Marshall University and Washington University. He majored in English and minored in Driver's Education and Physical Education. He now teaches mathematics and is head coach of the waterpolo and swimming teams. He likes the variety of activities going on at Los Altos, and he did not find it difficult to adapt to the new envirement.

Mrs. Mader, the new E.S.L. teacher, was a district librarian for five years before she came to Los Altos. She feels very much at home here and is happy to be part of this school.

While it is regretful to see old friends go, it is always a pleasure to meet newcomers and to welcome them into the Los Altos family.

▲ As an E.S.L. teacher, Mrs. Mader works hard and is patient with her students.

▲ Mrs. Price goes over a story written by a student. Her job as assistant advisor has helped Mrs. Rego in many ways.

▲ Who will be the winner? . . . Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Paz, and Lori Kowitz go over the ballots for a recent voting done by the student body.

Don Becker
English

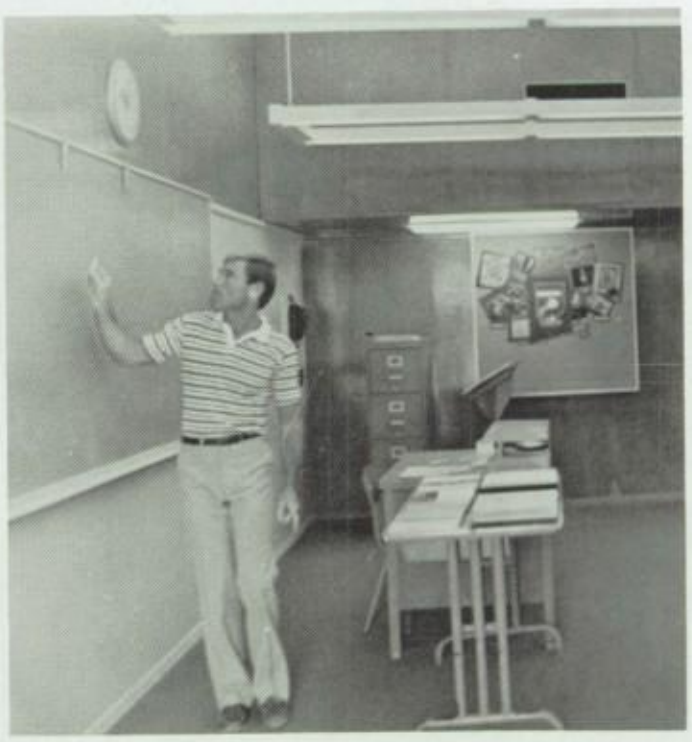
Shelley Bernard
English

Larry Bjuer
Special Ed.

Jeanne Cook
English

Stanley Day
Science

Ray Dean
Social Science



▲ Mr. Hyre teaches two types of mathematics, consumer math and applied math. He has been the new waterpolo and swimming coach since this past summer.

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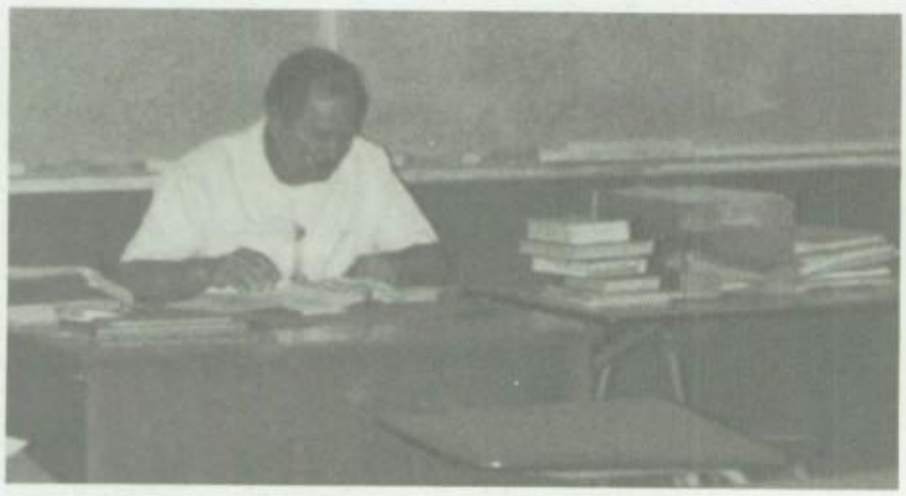
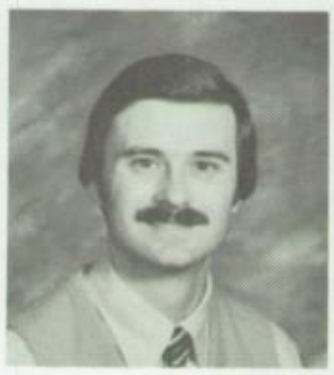
25 Years Of Teaching At L.A.

Four teachers have survived the first twenty-five years at Los Altos. These special four dedicated teachers are Mr. Anderson, science; Mrs. Johnson, math; Mr. Nielsen, counselor; and Mr. Sinek, English. Mr. Norman Anderson taught at La Puente before coming to Los Altos; he thought it was great to come to L.A. Mr. Cliff Nielsen taught in Whittier before coming here. Mrs. Contance Johnson taught in West Covina before making the move to L.A. Mr. George Sinek taught in Independence, California, and in Bridgeton, New Jersey. Los Altos only started with freshman and sophomores. There were about four or five buildings, 30 teachers, and approximately 1,000 students. The over-all feeling toward the new school was "just beautiful!" Band and sports were getting off to a great start. The 1960's were the most favorite years for these teachers. The lunches seemed to be better and cheaper then they are now. A teacher's lunch could be bought for 35¢, compared to the $1.50 price tag now. Five periods were taught at fifty-five minutes each. Since the school was built, the gymnasium, pool, and other buildings have been added. The following is a recollection about Los Altos made by Mr. Anderson. Until Los Altos was finished, students in the neighborhood of Los Altos went to La Puente in double sessions which went from about 1-5:50. The move to Los Altos occurred at the second semester in January of 1959. There were only freshman and sophomore classes at the time. 1961 was the first year of a senior class at L.A. Having only 1,000 students, the school was quite empty the first year. Band and sports did not receive the acclaim that they do today. The teams usually lost to their opponents. Their rival, of course, was La Puente H.S. There was no library, swimming pool, or stadium. The library was what is now the Letterette room. The stadium, built by students and their families, took one year. There were no homes across the street. It was all orange groves.



▸ Mr. Sinek is eagerly preparing for his next class.

Dwayne DeSpain
P.E.



Dwight Fichtner
Music

Veronica Fjeran
P.E.

Robert Fleming
Social Studies

Bernie Fleming
Industrial Ed.

Steve Floyd
E.H.

Bob Franz
L.D.G.

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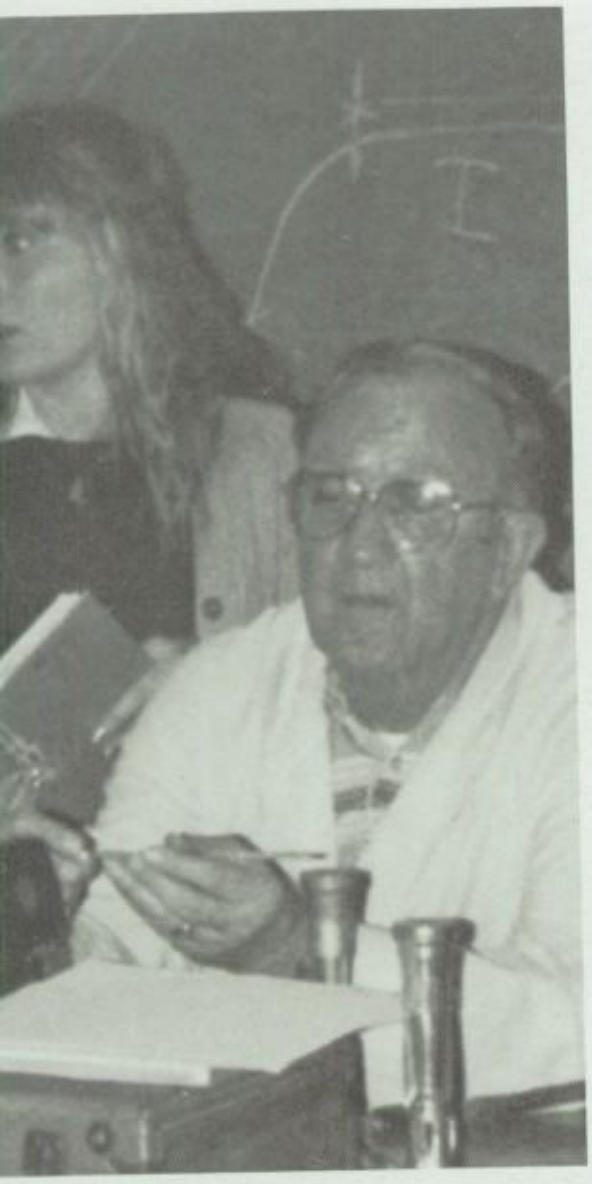
Kim Burgess is busy talking to her classmate while Mr. Anderson is busy constructing a new stirring rod.



Even where the Pomona freeway is now, there were trees. On any day, you could be driving down Valley Boulevard and see sheepherders herding their sheep. Valley Boulevard ended where Hacienda Boulevard is now, and there was no Hacienda Boulevard. Los Robles Avenue only ran to the end of the school campus. Turnbull Canyon Road was a mess. If it was raining, you would get caught in a ditch, and you would stay! Students could be seen riding canoes down Turnbull during rainy weather. Los Altos, which means "The Heights" was chosen as the name for the school. Nominations were accepted for the colors, mascot, etc. "Conquistadores" as well as the colors red and blue were picked. **El Farol, Los Recuerdos,** and Los Altos itself corresponded to a Spanish theme. It was time for Los Altos! La Puente H.S. served the areas from Diamond Bar to El Monte and vicinity. Styles have come and gone and will come and go again. Mr. Anderson and the others have seen much local history being made in their twenty-five years at Los Altos.

Mrs. Johnson is busy at work grading papers.

Eugene Friedlander
Foreign Language

Jim Ganger
Math

Alice Greenlee
Science

Don Gunderson
Music

Tom Harkins
Business Ed.

Cliff Hilliard
Art

Bonita Hix
P.E.

Don Holbrook
Math

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Entering The Computer Age

Los Altos has entered the technological age with the purchase of 11 computers. Eventually, the school hopes to have a total of 35 computers, enough for an entire class.

A classroom in the C building has been modified to house the computers. Teachers will be using the host unit which will be connected to all the computers used by students. Becuase of this connection, teachers will be able to change the program on each computer. So if a student is falling behind, the teacher will be able to pull a switch so that the computer used by that student will go over the problems again. If another student is advanced, the teacher can pull a switch so that the computer will give him more advanced problems. In other words, by using these computers, each individual can work at his own pace.

The computers can teach routine information and will let the teacher continue with the more important ideas. Computers will never replace teachers, but they will help educate the student more quickly.

There will be two uses of the computers. First, students will briefly be familiarized with the computers and second, the teachers will teach different units on them.

Not all students had the chance to use the computers this year, but over the next three-year period every student will have used one before he or she graduates.

▲ The new computer room is now deserted. However by 1986, before each student graduates, he will have used a computer.

Jim Huff
Social Studies

Daniel Hyre
Math

Phyllis Im
Math

Gary Kroaker
English

Kathy Larson
Physical Education

Sam LaSala
Social Studies

John Pillor
Science

Sandra Mader
E.S.L.

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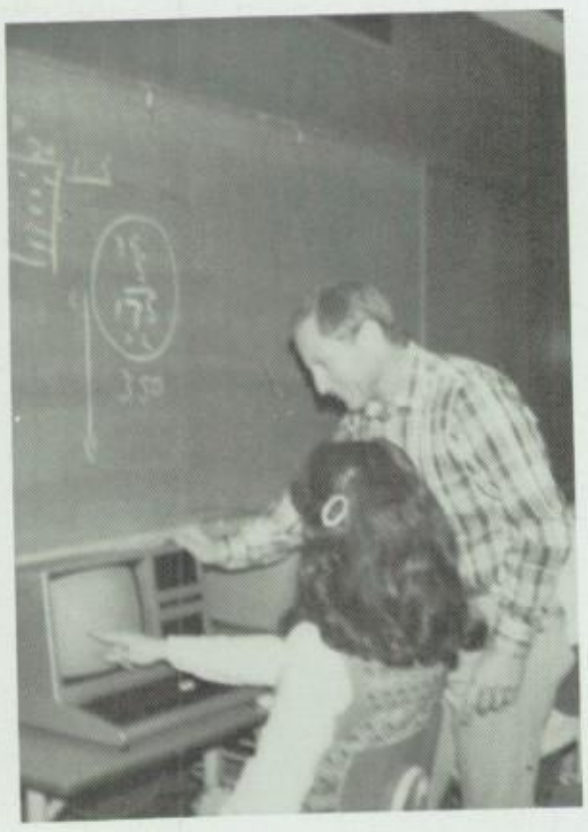
◀ Anthony Sandoval from Mr. Kall's accounting class works diligently on a computer.



◀ Learning something different everyday, Julie McMillen is aided by Mr. Kall.

▼ Screens ready and waiting, the computers in the accounting room wait for the next crowd of students. The eleven computers gave accounting students a chance to become familiar with the business uses of the computer.

David Kall
Business Ed.

Gordon Kean
English

Richard Kraft
Social Studies

Kay Mahone
Psychologist

Peter Marino
Foreign Language

Jean Meyers
Physical Ed.

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A Gratifying Lifetime Hobby

Fastpitch softball has been Mr. Stark's hobby for thirty years. He began playing on adult teams at the age of fifteen when he was a sophomore in high school. Also, almost all of the kids in his hometown of Taft, California, played softball in the summer; it was the thing to do. A softball team from Taft won a National Championship and it then became Mr. Stark's goal to play on such a team.

Mr. Stark has been a member of four World Championship teams and has played in thirteen World Championship tournaments. He was named all-American catcher on two occasions.

His most memorable moment was catching five games in one day in 1968; his team, the Long Beach Nitehawks, went on to win the International Softball Congress World Championship. Mr. Stark was named to the all-American team.

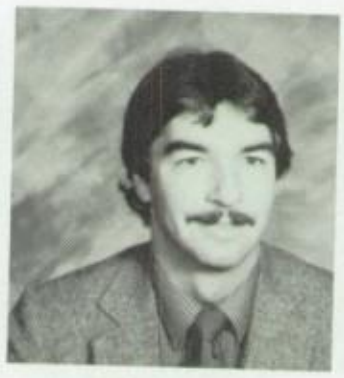
Mr. Stark serves as executive director of the International Softball Congress which encompasses the United States and several foreign countries. In that capacity, he coordinates all activities of the organization. He corresponds with fifty commissioners who administer their areas and leagues. Some additional responsibilities are to receive and receipt all monies and to make all disbursements with periodic statements to the treasurer, and to make all other decisions with the concurrence of the Executive Committee.

Although Mr. Stark's hobby is time-consuming and involves many responsibilities, it has provided him with much satisfaction, enjoyment, and rewards, not the least of which was being elected to the International Softball Congress Hall of Fame.

▲ Mr. Milton Stark assigns list of vocabulary words to his class. His specialty is English and he teaches classes from sports literature to English composition.

▲ Explaining a point, Mr. Stark delivers a lecture to his composition class. Under his quiet appearance is a powerful softball player.

Marjorie Moore
Physical Ed.



Jim Muscato
Science

Edith O'Donnell
Librarian

Tim Olague
Social Studies

Lyle Olsen
Physical Ed.

Dennis O'Neill
Police Science

Henry Porter
Math

Judy Price
E.H.

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▲ With fans watching intently in the bleachers, Milt Stark demonstrates his powerful batting technique. As a softball player, Mr. Stark caught five games in one day in 1968. His team, the Long Beach Nitehawks, went on to win the International Softball Congress World Championship in Rock Island, Illinois.

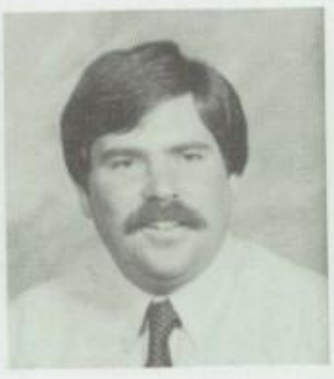
Evangeline Rego
English

John Reynolds
Social Studies

William Rockwood
English

Karen Ristic
Home Economics

Tom Scanlon
Social Studies



Neal Shapiro
Art

Dave Shirley
Industrial Ed.

Karen Shumaker
English

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In his 6th period psychology class, Mr. Wise lectures on the concepts of Freudian theory on the human personality. Besides teaching six classes, Mr. Wise found time to do some serious sailing.

Life With Mas Gusto

"Gus" is the "Popeye" with hidden talents. Mr. Malcom 'Gus' Wise has been sailing practically all his life. He has owned many boats, and presently owns a large cruiser named "Mas Gusto", which literally means 'more pleasure.' "Mas Gusto" is also an acronym formed from Gus and Toby, Mr. and Mrs. Wise's nicknames.

"Mas Gusto" and her crew have sailed to places like San Diego, and the Channel Islands, and there is a plan to sail to Hawaii this summer.

Now a commander in the United States Coast Guard Reserve, Mr. Wise received his commission as an ensign during the Korean War.

Commented Mr. Wise, "I really taught myself to sail evenings and weekends while working for the Coast Guard in Alameda." Mr. Wise was Director of Enlisted Training for the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Training School at Alameda where he received letters of commendation from the Coast Guard for developing the training programs.

In addition to his enthusiasm for sailing, Mr. Wise is a ham radio operator and is earning a general class license to be able to work worldwide on Voice. "Ham radio fits in nicely with our retirement plans for long distance cruising," remarked Gus. Happy sailing with "Mas Gusto"!

Carol Sill
English

George Sinek
English

Diana Stark
Business

Milton Stark
English

James Starkey
Business

Pat Stephenson
Home Economics

Roy Stewart
Industrial Education

Joe Stock
Industrial Education

Richard Tefft
Science

Glenn Thornstrom
Industrial Education

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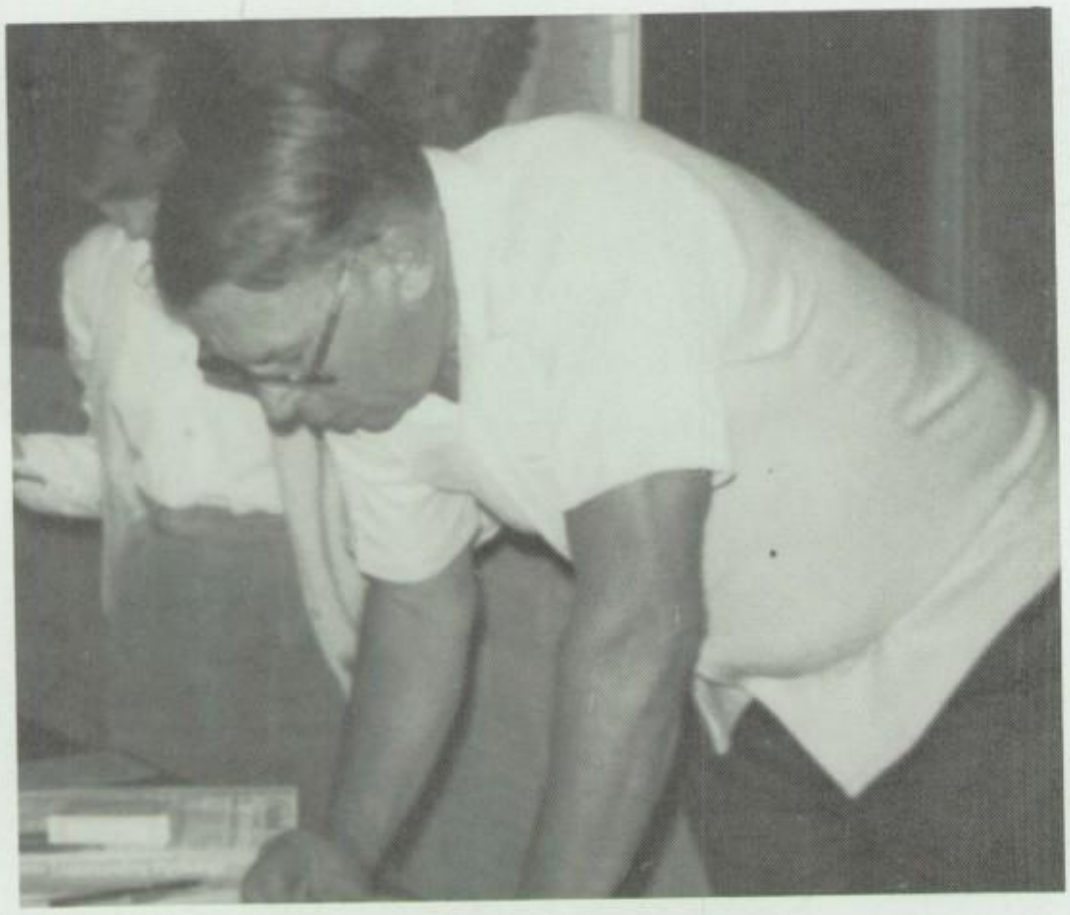


◖ Looking at his roll books, Mr. Wise marks down the attendance in his social science class. His classes included geography and psychology.

➧ Moored at the Long Beach Harbor, Mr. Wise's boat **Mas Gusto** awaits another voyage.

Joseph Turk
English

Dick Twitchell
E.M.H.

James Watson
Industrial Education

Richard Webster
Speech Therapist

Gus Wise
Social Studies

TEACHERS

True Dedication Shows

I'm sure you have seen him or talked to him at one time or another. You may have seen him walking around campus or fixing a door jamb in the office. Maybe you have seen him zip by in one of L.A.'s electric cars.

He is about five foot ten and has a long, bushy beard. You must have seen Chester Foster.

Chester was born in St. Louis, Missouri. His family moved to California, where he attended Wilson, La Puente, and Los Altos High Schools. He participated in photography, the school paper, the annual, freshman water polo, and junior varsity wrestling. He graduated with the class of 1970.

He has spent twelve years serving Los Altos as a custodian. Working forty hours a week, he does his job with pride and dedication.

In his spare time, Chester goes to shows, works with the band and ASB. He bikes, hikes, camps out, takes flight classes at Mt. San Antonio College and does a bit of wood working.

He is very active with the Conqueror band. He has terrific ideas and is very handy. Mr. Gunderson, director of bands for L.A., was remarking to Chester about how nice it would be to redecorate the Letterete room. The next thing he knew, Chester had purchased wood to cover the windows and construct a podium to be used by drum major, Robert Hoffman, when he is directing. Chester paid for all of these supplies out of his own pocket, but he knows that sooner or later he will be reimbursed. To help the band out, Chester took a day off from work to attend the Azusa Field Tournament. He drove the truck loaded with all the equipment needed for that night.

On another occassion, he came to school to unlock the band room after Mr. Gunderson

From class to class, hall to hall, Chester Foster cleans the rooms. A former L.A. student, Chester is a familiar figure on campus.

Penny Arsenian

Josephine Basham

Lucien Butman

Sandra Dunn

Gloria Finn

Jayne Foglesong

Valerie Sperry

CAMPUS PATROL

left his keys in his jacket, which was locked in the band room.

Chester donated two weeks of his summer vacation to accompany the band on their recent trip to Great Britain. He helped in many ways-by packing the truck just right so everything fit, getting people to go to bed at 3:30 a.m. and getting those same people up in the morning so they would be ready to perform.

In commenting about Chester, Luis Salazar said, "He helps the band out a lot, and is important to us." Mr. Don Gunderson. "Chester is the most important ingredient in our recipe for success." He went on to say, "He solves problems with equipment, facilities, set-ups, and logistics. He makes jobs easier and would never come to me with a problem or anything that would make my job harder. Trisha Dale Green: "Chester is a great friend and is a big help to the band." Sandy Zapien: "He is always here when you need him!"

These statements reflect the general attitudes towards Chester and empasize how important he is to Los Altos High School.

"Chester is the most important ingredient in our recipe for success."
MR. GUNDERSON

▼ A laborious task is a cinch for Chester.

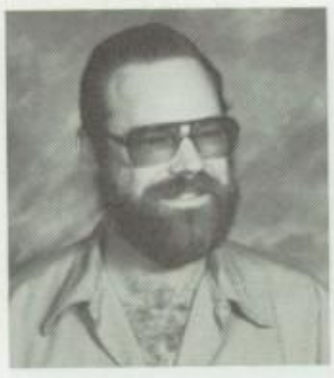
▶ To help the band boosters at football games, Chester moved a large cement block from under the scoreboard to a spot right next to the first snack both. This make Coke pouring cleaner and not so muddy.

Sam Angulo

Chester Foster

Margaret Gonzales

Rolland Johnson



Galen Russell

Al Porras

Julian Ursua

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Like all good students, Phyllis Aliff studies for her class at Cal State Fullerton. Various staff members took college classes to expand knowledge and further prepare themselves for everyday living.

In preparation for a water balloon fight, Mrs. Judy Price ties a water balloon for her son Roger. Like all other mothers, Mrs. Price spent most of her time creating enjoyable games for her children.

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All we know is they come to Los Altos as individuals, do their job, and go back to where they came from. But what then? Do these kindly bodies exist after 2:35? The answer to this question is yes! Those special people, the Los Altos staff members, do in fact take part in a variety of activities after their work hours.

"I coached T-ball in Little League and was the Farm League Representative as well as assisting with purchasing this year," responded E.H. teacher, Mrs. Judy Price.

"I belong to the AAUW, the California School of Nursing Organization (CSNO), and the Executive Club. Further, I collect glass Christmas tree ornaments," stated Kathleen Ingram, nurse.

Ladybugs, ladybugs of any size, shape, or form is P.E. teacher, Ms. Nicky Fjeran's hobby. "I have a collection that runs the gamut from fine jewelery to gardening gloves and including one small tatoo."

Time off for Mrs. Kathy Larson, P.E. instructor, is time for doing things with her 5 and 9 year olds. Moreover, she said, "I love doing arts and craft projects. Also, I have a collection of owls: pictures, sculptures, etc."

"Nothing exciting," expressed cook Susie Parra, "I go home and take care of my husband and son."

"Last year, I went snow skiing in Canada," exclaimed Tom Milich, special education aide." Also, I coached junior high school wrestling, rode with the Los Altos bike club, backpacked in the local area mountains, and currently working for my Fire Science degree at Rio Hondo College."

"I do my gardening and housecleaning like any other American housewife," explained campus patrol Valorie Sperry. "My husband and I also go out to dinner at least three times a week and usually go to Sunday brunch weekly."

Attending Cal State Fullerton three nights a week is what special education aide, Phyllis Aliff occupied herself with while she was off work. Continuing, "I enjoy puzzles, backpacking, camping, and traveling."

Considering the many interests which the faculty members enjoy, there certainly is more to life beyond Los Altos.

• While touring Warwick, England, Mrs. Kathy Larson and her five year old daughter Trudy delight in the company of an English knight on horseback. Since many faculty members had more free time in the summer, most enjoy traveling!

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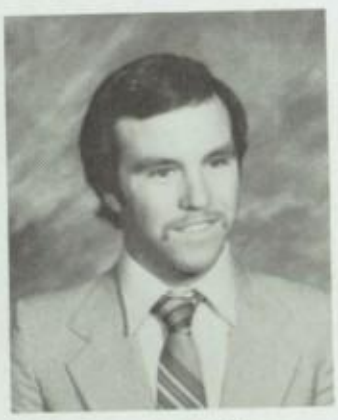

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"As far as money is concerned," remarked junior Diana Hoover, "it seems like you never have enough." From automobiles to yearbooks, the depressed economy took its toll.

To help combat the rising costs, the yearbook advertisers and supporters gathered together to help the yearbook staff put out a first class book. Some supporters, like Mr. V. hairstylists, have been a part of the Los Recuerdos production since it began in 1958. Others, such as the City of Industry's cultural center, the Workman-Temple Homestead, have just begun a tradition of supporting a great school and its yearbook.

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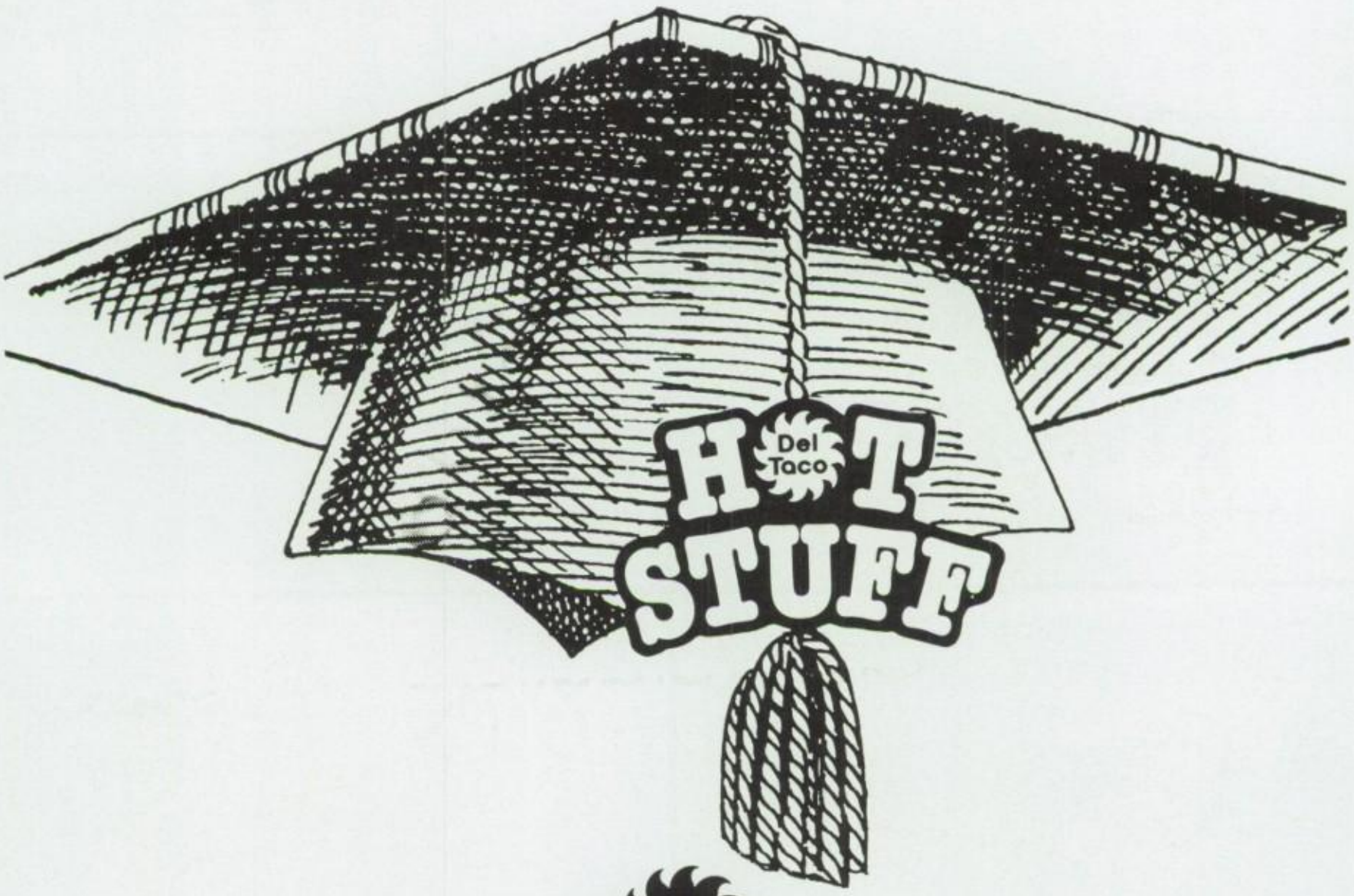

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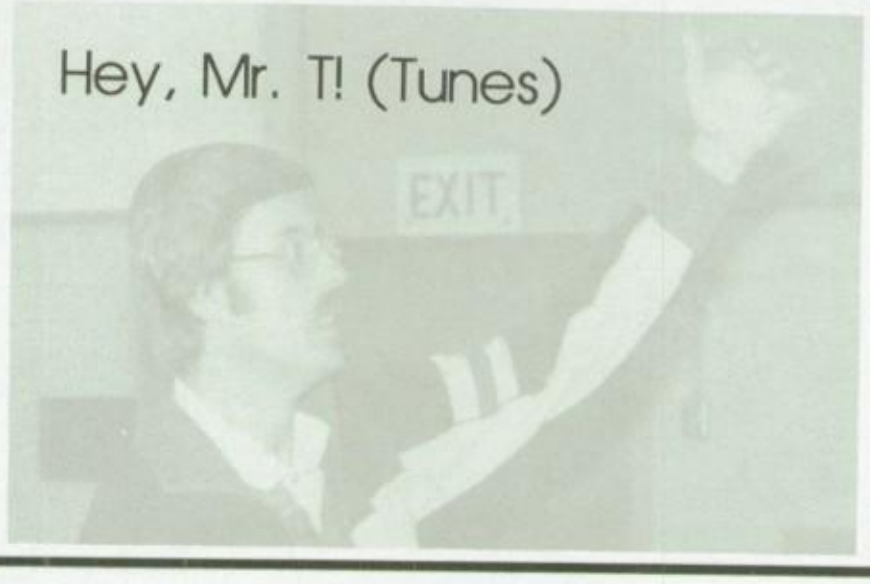

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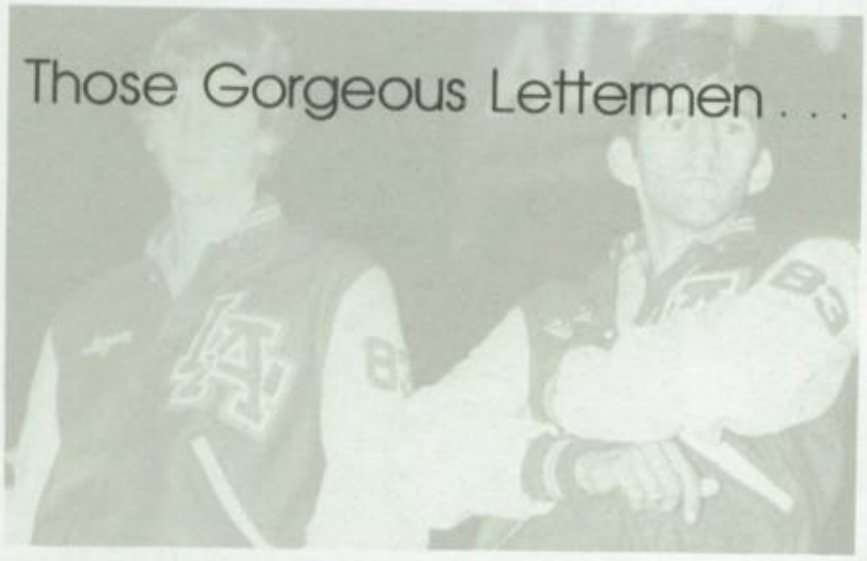

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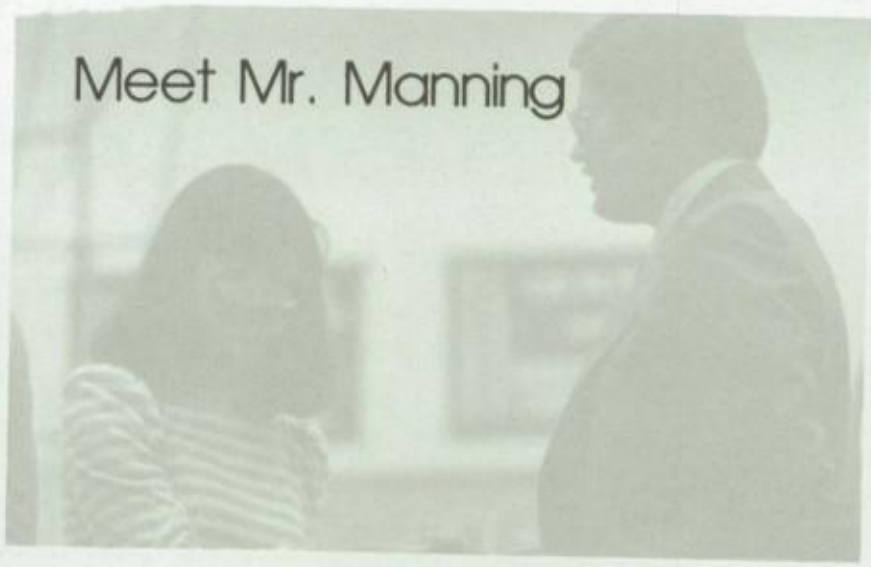
Meet Mr. Manning



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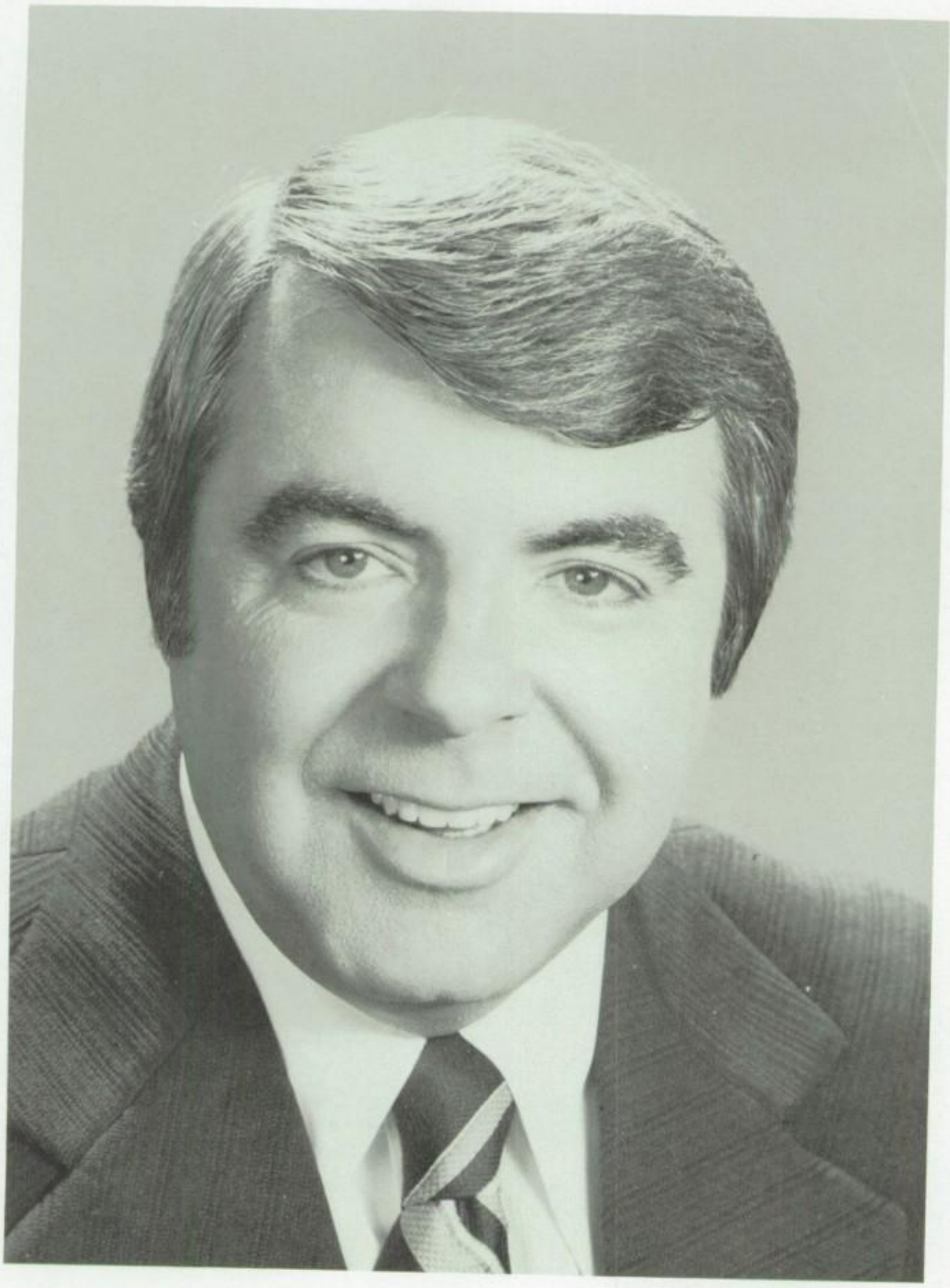

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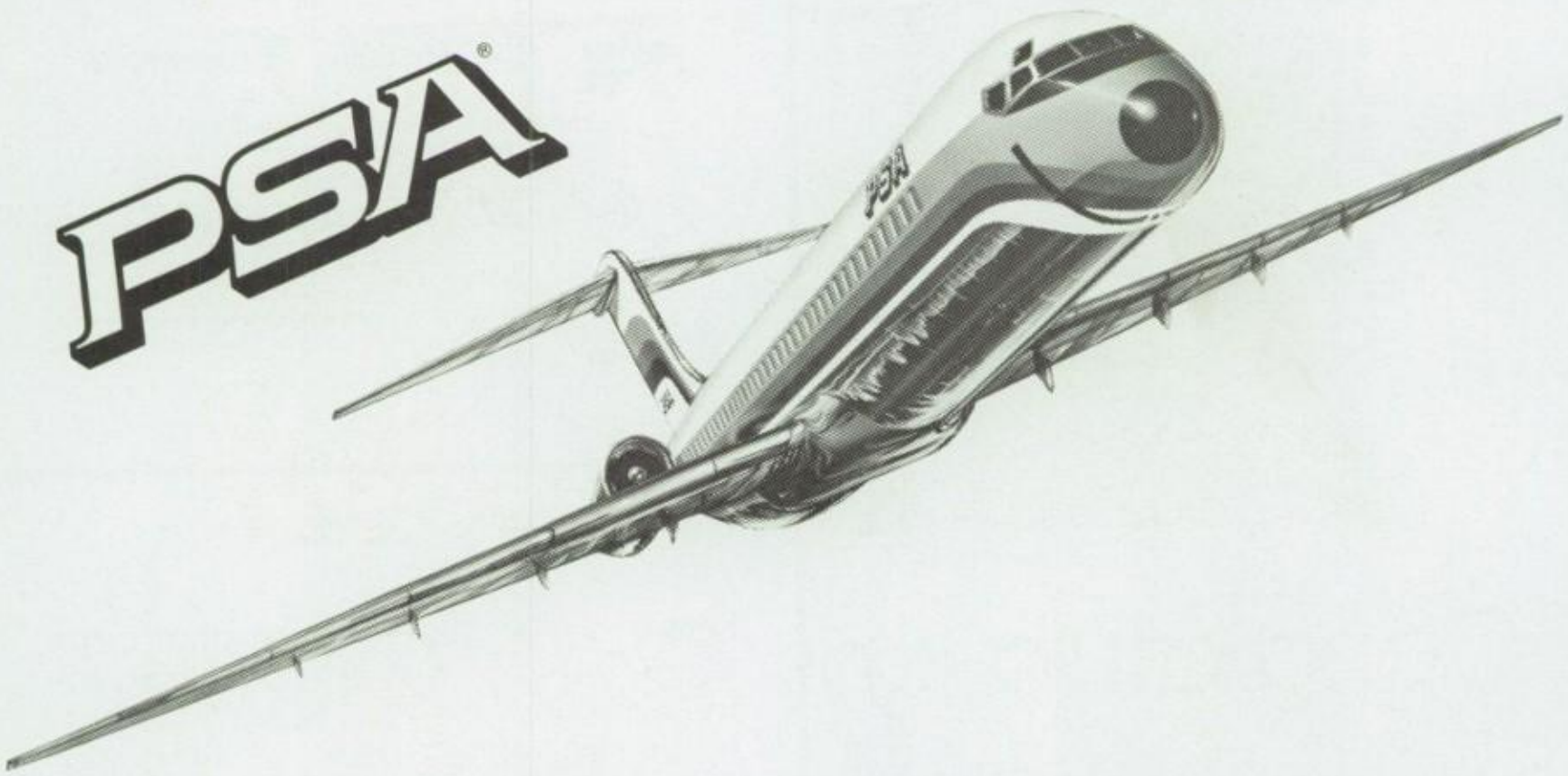

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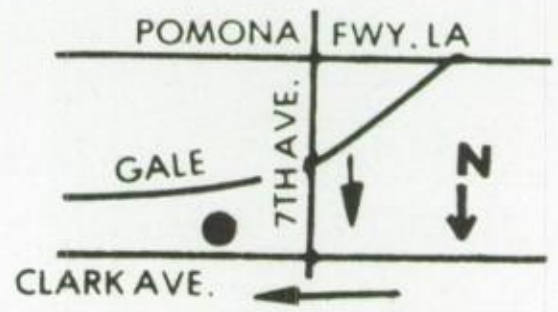

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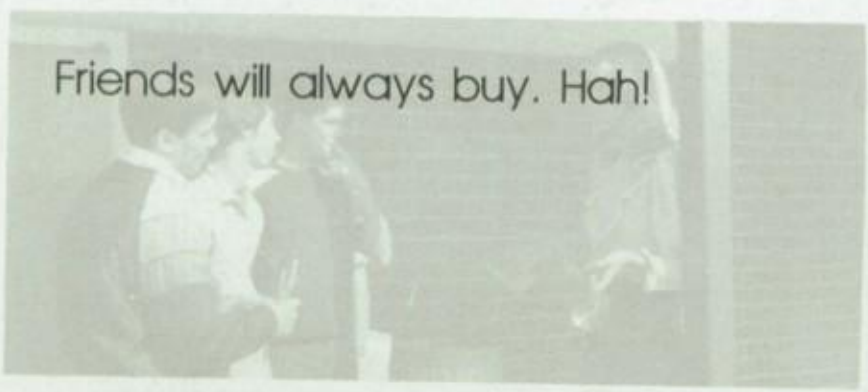

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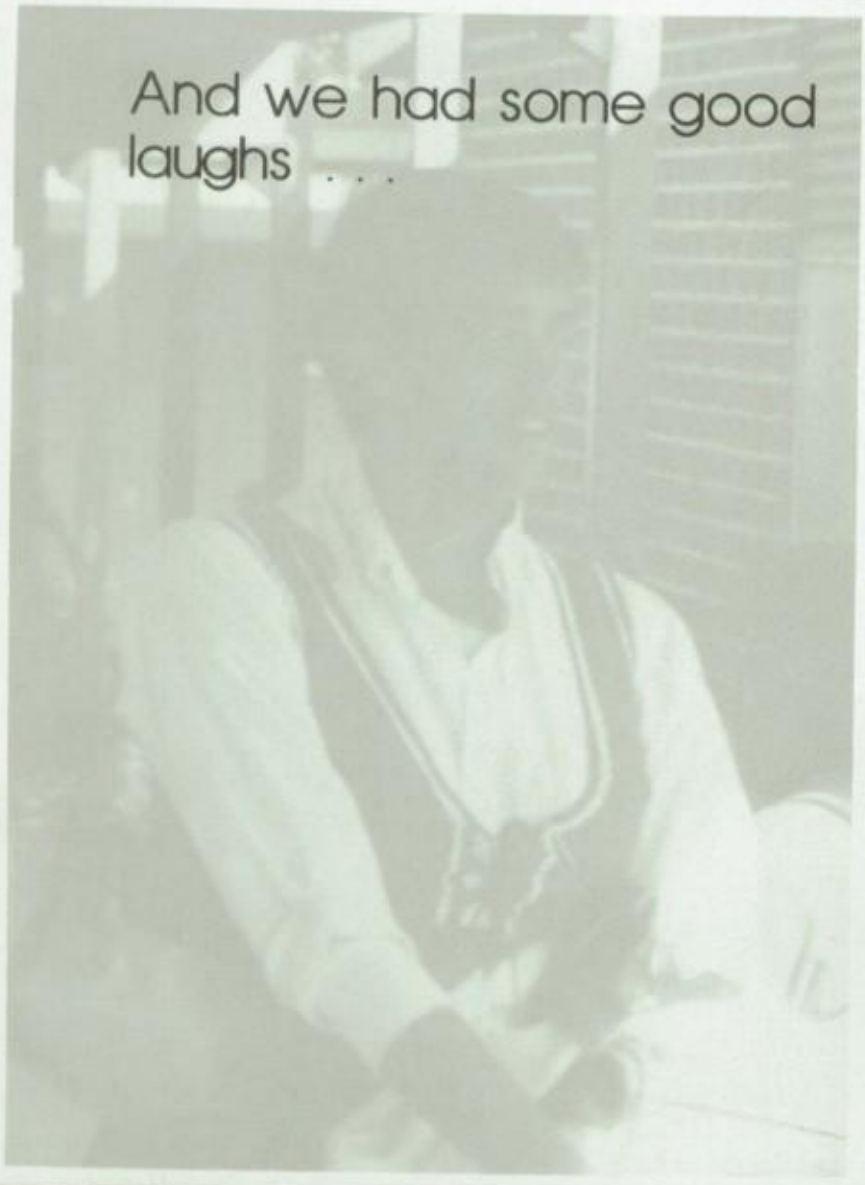

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This Party's Over . . .

When we first started the school year, it seemed as if it would never end! After our three months of summer freedom, the daily routine of homework, tests, class assignments, and more tests was more stifling than a stuffy classroom. Somehow, though, we made it through, and another summer vacation was again staring us in the face.

We couldn't wait to break out of old LA and go on to bigger and better things . . . but for some reason, the end of the year felt different. Maybe it was because, with all its bad times and good times, this had been a really great year.

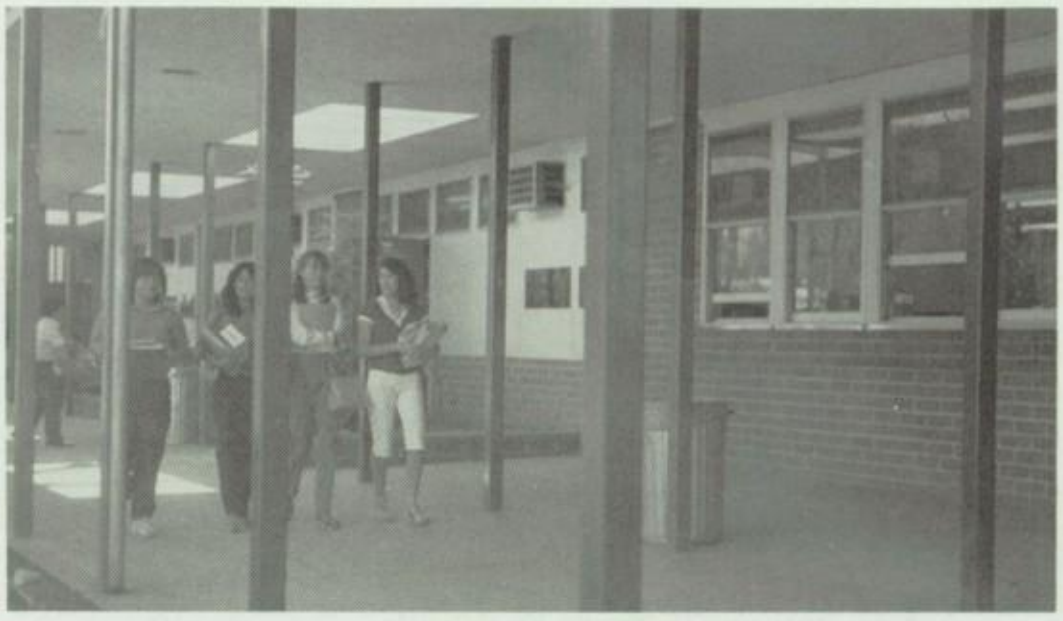
But we knew that there isn't any going back to what has already passed. Our year was finally over.

We glanced back at the school which had held so many fun and exciting times, and then turned around, headed for whatever lay in store for us in the future.

➧ After the frenetic activity of Spirit Day, the toilet-paper streamers float forlornly over the confetti-covered Senior Mall. By first lunch, the custodians had cleared most of the decorations away.

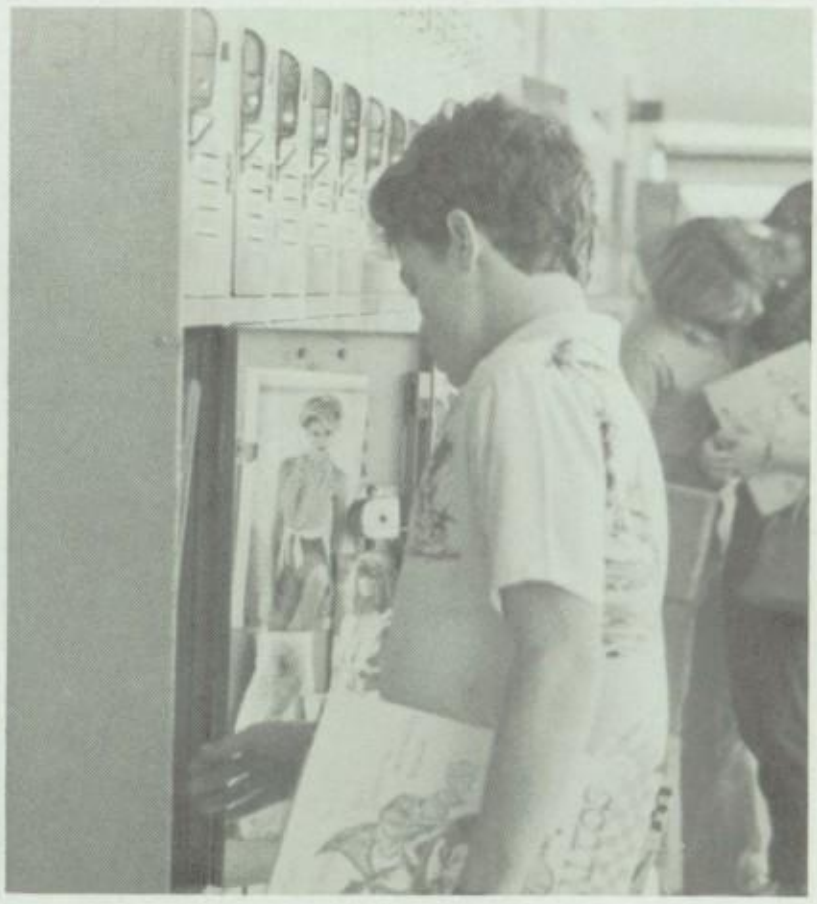
Just about everybody leaves campus before sixth period, but a few students wait dutifully at the H building for seventh period classes to begin. On the last day of school, though, few students could be seen lingering around school after the last dismissal bell had rung.

Rushing out to the parking lot, Seana Chung, Wendy Kotani, Laura Kilgore and Doris Quesada head for home. Most students looked forward to a summer of swimming, going to the beach, going out with friends — or working.



With the trees in the Senior Mall protecting them from the summer heat, friends stop
o say a last goodby. The end of the year saw seniors and their friends going in
f different directions.

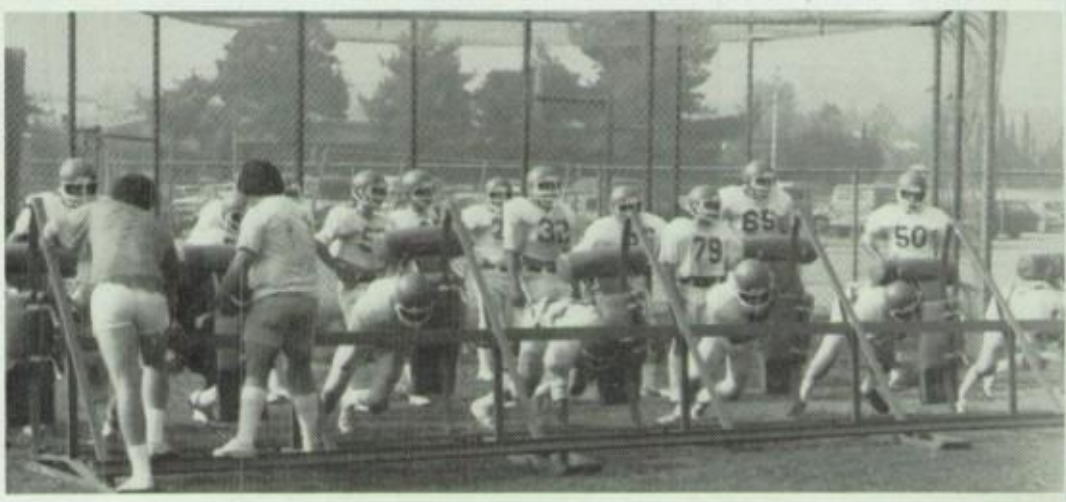
A last backward glance, and Val Gomez gets ready to go. Nearly all the "bus-riders"
oked forward to summer, when they wouldn't have to sit three in a seat on a stuffy
vercrowded schoolbus.



Taking a last look at his locker's "interior design", John Minnicucci gets ready to clean out his books for the summer. Many students cleaned out their lockers at the end of the year by throwing all their old papers into the air.

◗ "Raaise your haands . . ." Cheerleader Julie Tebbs gets the crowd to join in on a cheer before the CIF Finals game begins. Los Altos beat Esperanza, 31-14.

▾ Friends are what make anything worthwhile, as seniors Carol MacDonald and Cymantha Wood seem to show while resting up from their Spirit Day decorating.



▴ Striving for perfection, drum major Robert Hoffman directs the band through its tournament show before the football game at Anaheim stadium. The band later went on to win the Olympic band competition and became one of the bands permitted to play for the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

▴ Their good spirits shining clearly from their faces, the members of the A Cappella and Madrigal choirs return from a concert. The choir groups were just two of the many organizations which added interest and a little class to the everyday school routine.

▴ Oof! Does practice never end? For the varsity football players, practice begins early, during the last quarter of summer vacation.

◗ Now that's what real spirit is all about! At the CIF football game at Anaheim, exuberant fans filled the stadium, spreading their spirit to the quieter groups around the student section.

. . . But We're Looking Forward To More!

Well, that's the end of our year. Isn't it funny, though, that whenever we come to the end of something, it always leads on to the beginning of something else? Take high school, for instance. Life sure doesn't end at graduation, and the end of the year wasn't the "end of it all" — not by a long shot!

The seniors arrived at the last day of their high school career at graduation, but all of them were headed for a life much more complex than high school. Some were going on to college. Others were answering Uncle Sam's call to "be all that you can be," signing up for the military. Still others were venturing into the world of work, or preparing for that difficult journey called **marriage.**

The underclass members also came to a beginning of sorts — the one that every freshman, sophomore, and junior dreams about from the time school starts: the start of SUMMER VACATION!! Sometimes, though, the freedom of summer turned into the daily grind of work, summer college classes, or mowing the lawn.

Even the teachers didn't see a real **end** once the students were let out of the classrooms for the last time that year. Staying at school for about three days longer than the students did, the teachers prepared their lesson plans for the upcoming year. They kept busy revising old materials and ordering new supplies when funds allowed.

No, our lives don't end with the end of school. And since **we** were what the celebrating was all about, we could create even better times. Sure, this year was over, but we could look forward to more!

. . . A Thank-You Note . . .

Hectic, nerve-wracking fun, and a little bit crazy — that's what the year was like for the yearbook staff as we tried to get you to "Join the Celebration." We sweated and suffered for eight long months to make this book a reality, but it wouldn't have been created without the help of several key people.

The section editors, Amanda Rickett, Milton Todd, Karen Sheriff, and John Hirano all worked longer and harder than anyone had a right to expect them to. Though they were just second-year staffers, they worked like pros as they sacrificed weekends and pulled all-nighters to get our ideas into publication. Special thanks go to first-year staffers Kami Dela Cruz, Ted Hull, Leticia Montoya, and Todd Kawakami for always being there to help. They showed real team spirit as they did more than their share of the work. Suzie Edwards generously donated the cake used on our division pages. And our yearbook-photo club liason, Ron Briseno, deserves recognition for getting us the pictures we needed when we needed them.

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Have a great summer and stay out of trouble

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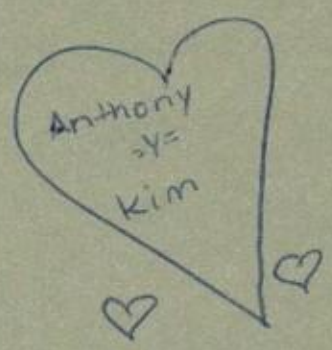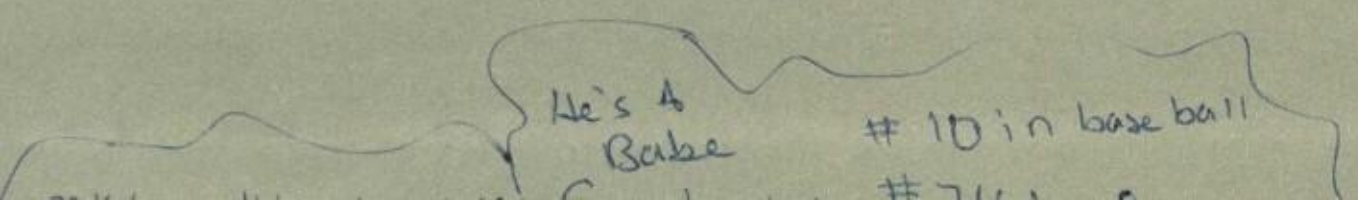
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